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**Présidente:** Colleen Beaumier

*Minutes of Proceedings of the Sub-Committee on*

## **Human Rights**

*of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
International Trade*

*Procès-verbaux du Sous-comité des*

## **Droits de la personne**

*du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce  
international*

**RESPECTING:**

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(1) and 108(2), a study of international human rights

**CONCERNANT:**

Conformément aux articles 108(1) et 108(2) du Règlement, étude des droits internationaux de la personne

**WITNESSES:**

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**TÉMOINS:**

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SUB-COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE

*Chair:* Colleen Beaumier

Members

John English  
Lee Morrison  
Bernard Patry—(4)

(Quorum 3)

Christine Fisher

*Clerk of the Sub-Committee*

SOUS-COMITÉ DES DROITS DE LA PERSONNE DU COMITÉ  
PERMANENT DES AFFAIRES ÉTRANGÈRES ET DU  
COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL

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*La greffière du Sous-comité*

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**ORDERS OF REFERENCE**

*Extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade*

Thursday, May 11, 1995 (Meeting No. 43)

The Chair presented the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure which reads as follows:

— That pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), the Committee establish a Sub-Committee on Human Rights, and a Sub-Committee on International Trade.

It was agreed, — That the Fifth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

**ATTEST**

*Extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade*

Tuesday, June 13, 1995 (Meeting No. 54)

The Chair presented the Sixth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure on which is as follow:

— That further to the Committee's decision of May 11, 1995, a Sub-Committee on Human Rights, composed of five (5) members, namely: Colleen Beaumier, Bernard Patry, Geoff Regan, (a Committee Member or Associate Committee Member of the Bloc Québécois) and (a Committee Member or Associate Committee Member of the Reform Party) be established to enquire into any matters relating to international human rights; that this Sub-Committee elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair; and that all members of the Standing Committee be *ex-officio* members of the Sub-Committee.

It was agreed, — That the Sixth Report of the Sub-Committee on Agenda and Procedure be concurred in.

It was agreed, — That notwithstanding the motions adopted by the Committee on May 11, 1995 and June 13, 1995 the Sub-Committee on Human Rights be composed of four members, namely: Colleen Beaumier, Keith Martin, Bernard Patry and Geoff Regan to the Sub-Committee on Human Rights.

**ATTEST**

*Extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade*

Wednesday, June 21, 1995 (Meeting No. 61)

On motion of John English it was agreed, — That Colleen Beaumier be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights.

**ATTEST****ORDRES DE RENVOI**

*Extrait des Procès-verbaux du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international*

Le jeudi 11 mai 1995 (Séance n° 43)

Le président présente le Cinquième Rapport du Sous-comité du programme et de la procédure, qui est ainsi libellé :

— Que le Comité, conformément au paragraphe 108(1) du Règlement, établisse un sous-comité des droits de la personne et un sous-comité du commerce international.

— Il est convenu, — Que le Cinquième Rapport du Sous-comité du programme et de la procédure soit agréé.

**ATTESTÉ**

*Extrait des Procès-verbaux du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international*

Le mardi 13 juin 1995 (Séance n° 54)

Le président présente le Sixième rapport du Sous-comité du programme et de la procédure, qui est ainsi libellé :

— Conformément à la décision que le Comité a prise le 11 mai 1995, qu'un sous-comité composé de cinq (5) membres, à savoir Colleen Beaumier, Bernard Patry, Geoff Regan, un membre du Comité ou un membre associé du Comité représentant le Bloc Québécois et un membre du comité ou un membre associé du Comité représentant le Parti réformiste), soit établi pour examiner toute question touchant aux droits de la personne, que ledit sous-comité élise un président et un vice-président et que tous les membres du Comité permanent en soient membres d'office.

Il est convenu, — Que le Sixième rapport du Sous-comité du programme et de la procédure soit agréé.

Il est convenu, — Que, nonobstant les motions que le Comité a adoptées le 11 mai et le 13 juin 1995, le Sous-comité des droits de la personne comprenne quatre membres, à savoir Colleen Beaumier, Keith Martin, Bernard Patry et Geoff Regan au Sous-comité des droits de la personne.

**ATTESTÉ**

*Extrait des Procès-verbaux du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international*

Le mercredi 21 juin 1995 (Séance n° 61)

Sur motion de John English, il est convenu, — Que Colleen Beaumier soit élue présidente du Sous-comité des droits de la personne.

**ATTESTÉ**

*Extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade*

Tuesday, September 26, 1995 (Meeting No. 64)

It was agreed,—That each of the Sub-Committees on Human Rights, International Trade and International Financial Institutions, be granted the power, except as the House otherwise orders, to send for persons, papers and records, to sit while the House is sitting, to sit during periods when the House stands adjourned, to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be required and to report its conclusions and recommendations to the Committee.

ATTEST

*Extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade*

Tuesday, October 24, 1995 (Meeting No. 72)

**MOTION**

On motion of Colleen Beaumier it was agreed,—That further to the Committee's decisions of May 11, May 31 and June 13, 1995, the membership of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights be amended to read as follows: Colleen Beaumier, John English, Bernard Patry and Lee Morrison; that further, in the event of the designation of a member of the Bloc Québécois, the membership be increased to five (5) members to include a member of the Bloc Québécois.

ATTEST

Janice Hilchie

*Clerk of the Committee*

*Extrait des Procès-verbaux du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international*

Le mardi 26 septembre 1995 (Séance n° 64)

Il est convenu,—Que les Sous-comités des droits de la personnes, du commerce international et des institutions financières internationales, sauf sur contrordre de la Chambre, soient habilités à convoquer des personnes, à exiger la production de documents et de dossiers, à siéger pendant les séances et les ajournements de la Chambre, à faire imprimer documents et témoignages au besoin et à faire rapport de ses conclusions et de ses recommandations au Comité.

ATTESTÉ

*Extrait des Procès-verbaux du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international*

Le mardi 24 octobre 1995 (Séance n° 72)

**MOTION**

Sur motion de Colleen Beaumier, il est convenu,—Que conformément aux décisions que le Comité a prises le 11 mai, le 31 mai et le 13 juin 1995, que la composition du Sous-comité des droits de la personne soit ainsi modifiée pour comprendre les personnes suivantes : Colleen Beaumier, John English, Bernard Patry et Lee Morrison et que le nombre de membres dudit Sous-comité soit porté à cinq (5) advenant qu'un représentant du Bloc Québécois soit désigné pour en faire partie.

ATTESTÉ

*La greffière du Comité*

Janice Hilchie

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1995  
(Meeting No. 1)

[Text]

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:30 o'clock p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chairman, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, John English and Lee Morrison.

*In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Gerald Schmitz and James Lee, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: From Canadian Friends of Burma:* Kevin Heppner, Human Rights Monitor; Harn Yawngwe, Publisher of *Burma Alert*.

The Orders of Reference from the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade being read as follows:

*Ordered*,—That pursuant to Standing Order 108(1), the Committee establish a Sub-Committee on Human Rights, and a Sub-Committee on International Trade. (Thursday, May 11, 1995)

*Ordered*,—That further to the Committee's decision of May 11, 1995, a Sub-Committee on Human Rights, composed of five (5) members, namely: Colleen Beaumier, Bernard Patry, Geoff Regan, (a Committee Member or Associate Committee Member of the Bloc Québécois) and (a Committee Member or Associate Committee Member of the Reform Party) be established to enquire into any matters relating to international human rights; that this Sub-Committee elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair; and that all members of the Standing Committee be *ex-officio* members of the Sub-Committee. (Tuesday, June 13, 1995)

*Ordered*,—That notwithstanding the motions adopted by the Committee on May 11, 1995 and June 13, 1995 the Sub-Committee on Human Rights be composed of four members, namely: Colleen Beaumier, Keith Martin, Bernard Patry and Geoff Regan. (Tuesday, June 13, 1995)

*Ordered*,—That Colleen Beaumier be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights. (Wednesday, June 21, 1995)

*Ordered*,—That each of the Sub-Committees on Human Rights, International Trade and International Financial Institutions, be granted the power, except as the House otherwise orders, to send for persons, papers and records, to sit while the House is sitting, to sit during periods when the House stands adjourned, to print from day to day such papers and evidence as may be required and to report its conclusions and recommendations to the Committee. (Tuesday, September 26, 1995)

*Ordered*,—That further to the Committee's decisions of May 11, May 31 and June 13, 1995, the membership of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights be amended to read as follows: Colleen Beaumier, John English, Bernard Patry and Lee Morrison; that further, in the event of the designation of a member of the Bloc Québécois, the membership be increased to five (5) members to include a member of the Bloc Québécois. (Tuesday, October 24, 1995)

**PROCÈS-VERBAUX**

LE MERCREDI 25 OCTOBRE 1995  
(Séance n° 1)

[Traduction]

Le Sous-comité des droits de la personne du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international se réunit aujourd'hui à huis clos, à 15 h 30, dans la salle 208 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Colleen Beaumier (*présidente*).

*Membres du Sous-comité présents:* Colleen Beaumier, John English et Lee Morrison.

*Aussi présents: Du Service de recherche de la Bibliothèque du Parlement:* Gerald Schmitz et James Lee, attachés de recherche.

*Témoins: De «Canadian Friends of Burma»:* Kevin Heppner, Human Rights Monitor; Harn Yawngwe, éditeur de *Burma Alert*.

Lecture est faite des ordres de renvoi du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international:

*Il est ordonné*,—Que, conformément à l'article 108(1) du Règlement, le Comité crée un Sous-comité des droits de la personne et un Sous-comité du commerce international. (Le jeudi 11 mai 1995)

*Il est ordonné*,—Que, comme suite à la décision du Comité prise le 11 mai 1995, soit établi un Sous-comité des droits de la personne, composé des cinq (5) membres suivants: Colleen Beaumier, Bernard Patry, Geoff Regan, (un membre du Comité ou un membre associé du Comité représentant le Bloc Québécois) et (un membre du Comité ou un membre associé du Comité représentant le Parti réformiste), afin d'examiner toute question liée aux droits de la personne à l'échelle internationale; Que ce Sous-comité élise un président et un vice-président; et que tous les membres du Comité permanent soient membres d'office du Sous-comité. (Le mardi 13 juin 1995)

*Il est ordonné*,—Que, en dépit des motions adoptées par le Comité le 11 mai 1995 et le 13 juin 1995, le Sous-comité des droits de la personne se compose de quatre membres: Colleen Beaumier, Keith Martin, Bernard Patry et Geoff Regan. (Le mardi 13 juin 1995)

*Il est ordonné*,—Que Colleen Beaumier soit élue présidente du Sous-comité des droits de la personne. (Le mercredi 21 juin 1995)

*Il est ordonné*,—Que chacun des Sous-comités des droits de la personne, du commerce international et des institutions financières internationales soit autorisé, sauf quand la Chambre en ordonne autrement, à convoquer des personnes et exiger la production de documents et dossiers, à se réunir pendant que la Chambre siège et pendant les périodes d'ajournement, à faire imprimer au jour le jour les documents et témoignages dont il peut avoir besoin et à faire rapport de ses conclusions et de ses recommandations au Comité. (Le mardi 26 septembre 1995)

*Il est ordonné*,—Que, suite aux décisions du Comité du 11 mai, du 31 mai et du 13 juin 1995, la composition du Sous-comité des droits de la personne soit modifiée de la façon suivante: Colleen Beaumier, John English, Bernard Patry et Lee Morrison; que, si un député du Bloc Québécois est désigné, le nombre de membres du Comité passe à cinq (5) membres, de manière à inclure le député du Bloc Québécois. (Le mardi 24 octobre 1995)

The Sub-Committee proceeded to sit *in camera* to discuss future business.

At 4:08 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:10 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed in public.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:03 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Le Sous-comité s'apprête à siéger à huis clos pour discuter de ses travaux futurs.

À 16 h 08, la séance est suspendue.

À 16 h 10, la séance reprend.

Les témoins présentent des exposés et répondent aux questions.

À 17 h 03, la séance du Sous-comité est levée jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidente.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1995

(Meeting No. 2)

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:35 o'clock p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, John English and Lee Morrison.

*Other Member present:* Bill Graham.

*In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Gerald Schmitz and James Lee, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: From Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Ross Hynes, Director, Human Rights and Justice; Adèle Dion, Deputy Director for Human Rights and International Women's Equality; Daniel George, Deputy Director, Africa and Middle East. *Individual presentation:* Paul Larose-Edwards, Former head of Human Rights at the Commonwealth Secretariat.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Orders 108(1) and 108(2) the Sub-Committee resumed its examination of international human rights. (See *Minutes of Proceedings, dated Wednesday, October 25, 1995, Issue No. 1, Meeting No. 1*).

Ross Hynes from Foreign Affairs and International Trade made a statement and, with Adèle Dion and Daniel George, answered questions.

Paul Larose-Edwards made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:03 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

LE MERCREDI 8 NOVEMBRE 1995

(Séance n° 2)

Le Sous-comité des droits de la personne du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international, se réunit aujourd'hui à 15 h 35, dans la salle 306 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Colleen Beaumier (présidente).

*Membres du Sous-comité présents:* Colleen Beaumier, John English et Lee Morrison.

*Autre député présent:* Bill Graham.

*Aussi présents: Du Service de recherche de la Bibliothèque du Parlement:* Gerald Schmitz et James Lee, attachés de recherche.

*Témoins: Du ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Commerce international:* Ross Hynes, directeur, Droits de la personne, et de la justice; Adèle Dion, directrice adjointe, Droits de la personne et promotion internationale de la femme; Daniel George, directeur adjoint, Afrique et Moyen-Orient. *À titre individuel:* Paul Larose-Edwards, ancien responsable des droits de la personne au Secrétariat du Commonwealth.

Conformément au mandat que lui confèrent les articles 108(1) et 108(2) du Règlement, le Sous-comité reprend son étude sur les droits de la personne à l'échelle internationale. (Voir le Procès-verbal du mercredi 25 octobre 1995, fascicule n° 1, séance n° 1)

Ross Hynes, du ministère des Affaires étrangères et du Commerce international, fait une déclaration et, avec Adèle Dion et Daniel George, répond aux questions.

Paul Larose-Edwards fait une déclaration et répond aux questions.

À 17 h 03, la séance est levée jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidente.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1995

(Meeting No. 3)

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:42 o'clock p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, John English and Lee Morrison.

*Other Member present:* Bill Graham.

*In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Gerald Schmitz and James Lee, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Council of Churches:* Daisy Francis, Member of Human Rights Council. *From the "Ligue des droits et libertés":* Gerald McKenzie. *From Amnesty International:* Roger Clark, Secretary General. *From the Network International Human Rights:* Allan McChesney, Member of the Executive. *From the Human Rights Research and Education Centre:* Professor Errol Mendes, Director.

LE MERCREDI 22 NOVEMBRE 1995

(Séance n° 3)

Le Sous-comité des droits de la personne du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international, se réunit aujourd'hui à 15 h 42, dans la salle 307 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Colleen Beaumier (présidente).

*Membres du Sous-comité présents:* Colleen Beaumier, John English et Lee Morrison.

*Autre député présent:* Bill Graham.

*Aussi présents: Du Service de recherche de la Bibliothèque du Parlement:* Gerald Schmitz et James Lee, attachés de recherche.

*Témoins: Du Conseil canadien des églises:* Daisy Francis, membre du Conseil des droits de la personne. *De la Ligue des droits et libertés:* Gerald McKenzie. *De Amnesty internationale:* Roger Clark, secrétaire général. *Du Réseau des droits de la personne au plan international:* Allan McChesney, membre de la direction. *Du Centre de recherche et d'enseignements sur les droits de la personnes:* Professeur Errol Mendes, directeur.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Orders 108(1) and 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its examination of international human rights. (See *Minutes of Proceedings*, dated Wednesday, October 25, 1995, Issue No. 1, Meeting No. 1).

The witnesses made statements and participated in a roundtable discussion.

At 5:55 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1995  
(Meeting No. 4)

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:57 o'clock p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, John English and Lee Morrison.

*In attendance:* From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz and James Lee, Research Officers.

*Witnesses:* From the Canadian Labour Congress: Paul Puritt, International Affairs. From the Steel Workers Humanity Fund: Moira Hutchinson. From North-South Institute: Ann Weston, Trade Program Director.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Orders 108(1) and 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its examination of international human rights. (See *Minutes of Proceedings*, dated Wednesday, October 25, 1995, Issue No. 1, Meeting No. 1).

The witnesses made statements and participated in a roundtable discussion.

At 5:25 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1995  
(Meeting No. 5)

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:40 o'clock p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier and Lee Morrison.

*In attendance:* From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Research Officer.

*Witnesses:* From Parliamentary Centre: Robert Miller, Deputy Director. From South House Exchange: Magda Seydegart, Co-Principal. Individual presentation: Cranford Pratt, Professor of Political Science, Co-author of *Human Rights in Canadian Foreign Policy*.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Orders 108(1) and 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its examination of international rights. (See *Minutes of Proceedings*, Meeting No. 1, dated Wednesday, October 25, 1995, Issue No. 1, Meeting No. 1).

The witnesses made statements and participated in a roundtable discussion.

Conformément au mandat que lui confèrent les articles 108(1) et 108(2) du Règlement, le Sous-comité reprend l'étude des droits de la personne à l'échelle internationale. (Voir le Procès-verbal du mercredi 25 octobre 1995, fascicule n° 1, séance n° 1)

Les témoins font des déclarations et participent à une discussion de type table ronde.

À 17 h 55, la séance est levée jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidente.

LE MERCREDI 29 NOVEMBRE 1995  
(Séance n° 4)

Le Sous-comité des droits de la personne du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international, se réunit aujourd'hui à 15 h 57, dans la salle 701, La Promenade, sous la présidence de Colleen Beaumier (présidente).

*Membres du Sous-comité présents:* Colleen Beaumier, John English et Lee Morrison.

*Aussi présents:* Du Service de recherche de la Bibliothèque du Parlement: Gerald Schmitz et James Lee, attachés de recherche.

*Témoins:* Du Congrès du travail du Canada: Paul Puritt, Affaires internationales. Du «Steel Workers Humanitarian Fund»: Moira Hutchinson. De l'Institut Nord-Sud: Ann Weston, directrice du programme de commerce.

Conformément au mandat que lui confèrent les articles 108(1) et 108(2) du Règlement, le Sous-comité reprend l'étude des droits de la personne à l'échelle internationale. (Voir le Procès-verbal du mercredi 25 octobre 1995, fascicule n° 1, séance n° 1)

Les témoins font des déclarations et participent à une discussion de type table ronde.

À 17 h 25, la séance est levée jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidente.

LE MERCREDI 6 DÉCEMBRE 1995  
(Séance n° 5)

Le Sous-comité des droits de la personne du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international se réunit aujourd'hui à 15 h 40, dans la salle 208 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Colleen Beaumier (présidente).

*Membres du Sous-comité présents:* Colleen Beaumier et Lee Morrison.

*Aussi présent:* Du Service de recherche de la Bibliothèque du Parlement: Gerald Schmitz, attaché de recherche.

*Témoins:* Du Centre parlementaire: Robert Miller, directeur adjoint. De «South House Exchange»: Magda Seydegart, codirectrice. À titre personnel: Cranford Pratt, professeur de sciences politiques et coauteur de l'ouvrage intitulé: *Human Rights in Canadian Foreign Policy*.

Conformément à son mandat défini par les articles 108(1) et 108(2), le Sous-comité reprend l'étude des droits internationaux de la personne. (Voir le Procès-verbal du mercredi 25 octobre 1995, fascicule n° 1, séance n° 1).

Les témoins font des déclarations et participent à une discussion de type table ronde.

At 5:25 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.      À 17 h 25, le Sous-comité s'ajourne jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidente.

Christine Fisher

*Clerk of the Sub-Committee*

*La greffière du Sous-comité*

Christine Fisher

## WITNESSES

Wednesday, October 25, 1995 (Meeting No. 1)

*Canadian Friends of Burma:*

Kevin Heppner, Human Rights Monitor;

Harn Yawngwe, Publisher of Burma Alert.

Wednesday, November 8, 1995 (Meeting No. 2)

*Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Adèle Dion, Deputy Director for Human Rights and International Women's Equality;

Daniel George, Deputy Director, Africa and Middle East;

Ross Hynes, Director, Human Rights and Justice.

*As individual:*

Paul Larose-Edwards, Former head of Human Rights at the Commonwealth Secretariat.

Wednesday, November 22, 1995 (Meeting No. 3)

*Amnesty International:*

Roger Clark, Secretary General.

*Canadian Council of Churches:*

Daisy Francis, Member of Human Rights Council.

*Human Rights Research and Education Centre:*

Professor Errol Mendes, Director.

*"Ligue des droits et libertés":*

Gerald McKenzie.

*Network International Human Rights:*

Allan McChesney, Member of the Executive.

Wednesday, November 29, 1995 (Meeting No. 4)

*Canadian Labour Congress:*

Paul Purritt, International Affairs.

*North-South Institute:*

Ann Weston, Trade Program Director.

*Steel Workers Humanity Fund:*

Moira Hutchinson.

Wednesday, December 6, 1995 (Meeting No. 5)

*Parliamentary Centre:*

Robert Miller, Deputy Director.

*South House Exchange:*

Magda Seydegart, Co-Principal.

*As individual:*

Cranford Pratt, Professor of Political Science,  
Co-author of *Human Rights in Canadian Foreign Policy*.

## TÉMOINS

Le mercredi 25 octobre 1995 (Séance n° 1)

«Canadian Friends of Burma»:

Kevin Heppner, observateur canadien des droits de la personne;

Harn Yawnghe, éditeur de «Burma Alert».

Le mercredi 8 novembre 1995 (Séance n° 2)

*Ministère des Affaires étrangères et du commerce international:*

Adèle Dion, directrice adjointe pour la Direction des droits de la personne et de la promotion internationale de la personne;

Daniel George, directeur adjoint, Afrique et Moyen-Orient;

Ross Hynes, directeur, Droits de la personne et de la justice.

À titre personnel:

Paul Larose-Edwards, ancien chef du service des droits de la personne au Secrétariat du Commonwealth.

Le mercredi 22 novembre 1995 (Séance n° 3)

*Amnistie Internationale:*

Roger Clark, secrétaire général.

*Centre de recherche et d'enseignement sur les droits de la personne:*

Professeur Errol Mendes, directeur.

*Conseil canadien des églises:*

Daisy Francis, membre du Conseil de droits de la personne.

*Ligue des droits et libertés:*

Gerald McKenzie.

*Réseau des droits de la personne au plan international:*

Allan McChesney, membre du conseil d'administration.

Le mercredi 29 novembre 1995 (Séance n° 4)

*Congrès du travail du Canada:*

Paul Puritt, Affaires internationales.

*Institut Nord-Sud:*

Ann Weston, directrice du programme de commerce.

*«Steel Workers Humanity Fund»:*

Moira Hutchinson.

Le mercredi 6 décembre 1995 (Séance n° 5)

*Centre parlementaire:*

Robert Miller, directeur adjoint.

*«South House Exchange»:*

Magda Seydegart, codirecteur.

À titre personnel:

Cranford Pratt, professeur des sciences politiques, coauteur de *Human Rights in Canadian Foreign Policy*.



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**Fascicule n° 2 (Séance n° 6)**

Le mercredi 13 décembre 1995

**Présidente:** Colleen Beaumier

*Minutes of Proceedings of the Sub-Committee on*

## **Human Rights**

*of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
International Trade*

*Procès-verbaux du Sous-comité des*

## **Droits de la personne**

*du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce  
international*

### **RESPECTING:**

Pursuant to Standing Orders 108(1) and 108(2), a study of  
international human rights

### **CONCERNANT:**

Conformément aux articles 108(1) et 108(2) du Règlement,  
étude des droits internationaux de la personne

### **WITNESSES:**

(See end of document)

### **TÉMOINS:**

(Voir fin du document)



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TRADE

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John English  
Keith Martin  
Lee Morrison  
Bernard Patry —(6)

(Quorum 4)

Christine Fisher

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**ORDER OF REFERENCE**

Tuesday, December 12, 1995 (Meeting No. 6)

*Extract from the Minutes of Proceedings of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

**MOTION**

On motion of Lee Morrison, it was agreed on division,—That the membership of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights be increased to six members and that the list of Members be amended by adding there to the names of Reg Alcock and Keith Martin.

**ATTEST**

Janice Hilchie

*Clerk of the Committee*

**ORDRE DE RENVOI**

Le mardi 12 décembre 1995 (Séance n° 6)

*Extrait des Procès-verbaux du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international:*

**MOTION**

Sur motion de Lee Morrison, il est convenu,—Que l'on porte à six le nombre de membres du Sous-comité des droits de la personne et que l'on modifie la liste des membres en ajoutant les noms de Reg Alcock et de Keith Martin.

**ATTESTÉ**

*La greffière du Comité*

Janice Hilchie

**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1995  
(Meeting No. 6)

[Text]

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:38 o'clock p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, John English and Lee Morrison.

*Other Member present:* Bill Graham.

*In attendance:* From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz and James Lee, Research Officers.

*Witnesses:* From Canadian Human Rights Commission: Max Yalden, Chief Commissioner; Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay, Deputy Chief Commissioner. From International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development: Ed Broadbent, President; Gisèle Côté-Harper, Chair of the Board. From Elections Canada: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer; France Damianenko, Assistant Director, International Services. From Queen's University: Christine Elwell, Professor of Law; Executive Director, Canadian Council on International Law.

In accordance with its mandate under Standing Orders 108(1) and 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its examination of international rights. (See *Minutes of Proceedings*, dated Wednesday, October 25, 1995, Issue No. 1, Meeting No. 1)

The witnesses made statements and participate in a round table discussion.

At 5:05 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

*Clerk of the Sub-Committee*

**PROCÈS-VERBAL**

LE MERCREDI 13 DÉCEMBRE 1995  
(Séance n° 6)

[Traduction]

Le Sous-comité des droits de la personne, du Comité permanent des affaires étrangères et du commerce international, se réunit aujourd'hui à 15 h 38, dans la salle 208 de l'édifice de l'Ouest, sous la présidence de Colleen Beaumier (*présidente*).

*Membres du Sous-comité présents:* Colleen Beaumier, John English et Lee Morrison.

*Autre député présent:* Bill Graham.

*Aussi présents:* Du Service de recherche de la Bibliothèque du Parlement: Gerald Schmitz et James Lee, attachés de recherche.

*Témoins:* De la Commission canadienne des droits de la personne: Max Yalden, commissaire en chef; Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay, sous-commissaire en chef. Du Centre international des droits de la personne et du développement démocratique: Ed Broadbent, président; Gisèle Côté-Harper, présidente du conseil. De Élections Canada: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, directeur général des élections; France Damianenko, directrice adjointe, Services internationaux. De l'Université Queen's: Christine Elwell, professeure de droit, directrice générale, Conseil canadien de droit international.

Conformément au mandat que lui confèrent les articles 108(1) et 108(2) du Règlement, le Sous-comité reprend l'étude des droits de la personne à l'échelle internationale. (Voir les Procès-verbaux du mercredi 25 octobre 1995, fascicule n° 1, séance n° 1)

Les témoins font des déclarations et participent à une table ronde.

À 17 h 05, la séance est levée jusqu'à nouvelle convocation de la présidente.

*La greffière du Sous-comité*

Christine Fisher

## WITNESSES

Wednesday, December 13, 1995 (Meeting No. 6)

*Canadian Human Rights Commission:*

Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay, Deputy Chief Commissioner;

Max Yalden, Chief Commissioner.

*Elections Canada:*

France Damianenko, Assistant Director, International Services;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer.

*International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development:*

Ed Broadbent, President;

Gisèle Côté-Harper, Chair of the Board.

*Queen's University:*

Christine Elwell, Professor of Law, Executive Director, Canadian Council on International Law.

## TÉMOINS

Le mercredi 13 décembre 1995 (Séance n° 6)

*Centre international des droits de la personne et du développement démocratique:*

Ed Broadbent, président;

Gisèle Côté-Harper, présidente du conseil.

*Commission canadienne des droits de la personne:*

Michelle Falardeau-Ramsay, sous-commissaire en chef;

Max Yalden, commissaire en chef.

*Élections Canada:*

France Damianenko, directrice adjointe, Services internationaux;

Jean-Pierre Kingsley, directeur général des élections.

*Université Queen's:*

Christine Elwell, professeur de droit, directrice générale, Conseil canadien de droit international.



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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Monday, November 3, 1997**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1997

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:43 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 208, West Block for the purpose of electing a Chair pursuant to Standing Order 106(1) and 106(2).

*Members of the Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Paul Bonwick, Claudette Bradshaw, Maud Debien, Svend Robinson.

*Acting Member present:* Joe Jordan for Raymonde Folco.

*Other Member present:* Bob Mills.

*In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Patricia Bégin and Gerald Schmitz, Research Officers.

The Clerk of the Sub-Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

It was agreed, --That Colleen Beaumier be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee.

Accordingly, Colleen Beaumier was declared duly elected Chair of the Sub-Committee and took the Chair.

The Committee proceeded to examine its future business.

It was agreed, --That the Sub-Committee proceed to examine the issue of international child abductions and that hearings on the issue be completed if possible by December 12, 1997.

It was agreed, --That the Sub-Committee consider sending a delegation of members to Geneva in the Spring 1998, the year of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Declaration of Human Rights, in order to take part in the consultations on human rights and that, in that respect, the Committee staff prepare a proposal and a budget for the Committee's consideration.

At 4:20 o'clock p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Janice Hilchie

Clerk of the Committee

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

### **Meeting No. 2**

**Thursday, November 20, 1997**

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#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee commenced an examination of the issue of International Child Abductions

#### **WITNESSES:**

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Gar Pardy, Consular Operations.

*Department of Justice:*

William H. Corbett, Senior General Counsel, Criminal Law Section, Criminal Law Branch;  
Sandra Zed Finless, Justice Legal Services, Foreign Affairs;  
Denis Kratchanov, Counsel, Public Law Policy.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1997

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:35 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 209, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Claudette Bradshaw, Maud Debien, Raymonde Folco, Keith Martin, Diane St-Jacques.

*Other Member present:* Bob Mills.

*In attendance:* From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Patricia Bégin, Research Officer.

*Witnesses:* From the Department of Justice: Denis Kratchanov, Counsel, Public Law Policy; Sandra Zed-Finless, Justice Legal Services, Foreign Affairs; Bill Corbett, Criminal Law Branch. From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Gar Pardy, Consular Operations.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee commenced an examination of the issue of International Child Abductions.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:01 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Wednesday, November 26, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee commenced an examination of the issue of International Child Abductions

**WITNESS:**

*Royal Canadian Mounted Police:*

Sergeant John W. Oliver, Missing Children's Registry.



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Meeting No. 3

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1997

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:42 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 208, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Paul Bonwick, Claudette Bradshaw, Maud Debien.

*Acting Member present:* Bob Mills for Keith Martin

*In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Patricia Bégin, Research Officer.

*Witness: From the Missing Children's Registry, RCMP:* Sergeant John Oliver.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee continued to examine the issue of International Child Abductions.

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:44 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Wednesday, December 3, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee commenced an examination of the issue of International Child Abductions

**WITNESSES:**

*International Social Service Canada:*

Aggie Castleman, Executive Director.

*Missing Children Society of Canada:*

Barbara Snider, Case Director, Eastern Canada.

*The Missing Children's Network Canada:*

Susan Armstrong, Executive Director;

Patrick Bergeron, Director, SEARCH.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1997

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:38 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 308, West Block, Jean Augustine, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Paul Bonwick, Claudette Bradshaw, Maud Debien, Diane St-Jacques, Svend Robinson.

*Other Member present:* Bob Mills

*In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Patricia Bégin, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the Missing Children Society of Canada:* Barbara Snider, Case Director, Eastern Canada. *From The Missing Children's Network:* Susan Armstrong, Executive Director and Patrick Bergeron, Director of Search. *From International Social Service Canada:* Agnes Casselman, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee continued to examine the issue of International Child Abductions.

Barbara Snider, Susan Armstrong and Agnes Casselman each made statements and, with Patrick Bergeron, answered questions.

At 5:12 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Wednesday, December 10, 1997**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee commenced an examination of the issue of International Child Abductions

**WITNESSES:**

*Individual Presentation:*

Angelina Medjed-Cosovic;

Ron Reddy;

Heather Ritchie;

Nancy White.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1997

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:54 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 362-E, East Block, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Paul Bonwick, Claudette Bradshaw, Maud Debien, Svend Robinson.

*In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Patricia Bégin, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: As individuals:* Heather Ritchie; Nancy White; Angelina Medjed-Cosovic; and Ron Reddy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee continued to examine the issue of International Child Abductions.

The witnesses each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:37 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Colleen Beaumier, Lib.

### Meeting No. 6

**Wednesday, February 4, 1998**

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#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee continued to examine the issue of International Child Abductions

#### **WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police:*

Chief Julian Fantino.

*Department of Citizenship and Immigration:*

Brian Grant, Acting Director General, Enforcement Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Affairs:*

Michael Hutton, Director General, Passport Office.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1998

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:40 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 307, West Block, Paul Bonwick, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Paul Bonwick, Maud Debien.

*Acting Member present:* Louise Hardy for Svend Robinson.

*Other Member present:* Bob Mills.

*In attendance:* From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Patricia Bégin, Research Officer.

Witnesses: As individual: Marlene Dalley, Researcher on Missing and Exploited Children. From the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police: Julian Fantino, Chief of Police, London, Ontario. From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Michael Hutton, Director General of the Passport Office. From Citizenship and Immigration Canada: Brian Grant, Acting Director General, Enforcement Branch. From Revenue Canada: Mark Connolly, Director, Program Development Contraband and Intelligence Services, Customs and Trade Administration Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee continued to examine the issue of International Child Abductions.

The witnesses each made a statement.

At 4:50 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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*Department of National Revenue:*

Mark Connolly, Director, Program Development Contraband and Intelligence Services,  
Customs and Trade and Administration Branch.

*Individual Presentation:*

Marlene Dalley.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:42 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 307, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Paul Bonwick, Claudette Bradshaw, Maud Debien, Keith Martin.

*Other Members present:* Benoît Sauvageau; bob Mills.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Patricia Bégin and Gerald Schmitz, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee considered its future business.

It was agreed, --That the Sub-Committee convene a hearing on Wednesday, February 18, 1998 to examine a draft report on international child abductions.

It was agreed, --That the Sub-Committee recommend to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade that it meet the Friends of Burma and Burmese Parliamentarians in Exile during a conference on Burma, which will be convened in Ottawa on April 27-28, 1998.

It was agreed, --That the Committee meet with the following groups, for a period of a half hour each: PEN Canada Writers in Prison Committee; B'Nai Brith Institute for International Affairs; and the Network on International Human Rights Liaison Committee with Parliament.

It was agreed, --That the Sub-Committee continue to convene its hearings on Wednesday afternoons.

It was agreed, --That as its next order of business, the Sub-Committee, jointly with the Sub-Committee on Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment examine the linkages between trade and human rights.

At 4:10 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 8

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:40 o'clock p.m., this day, in room 208, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Maud Debien, Raymonde Folco.

*Other Member present:* Bob Mills.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Patricia Bégin and Gerald Schmitz, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to consider its draft report on International Child Abductions.

At 4:40 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 9

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1998

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:40 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Paul Bonwick, Claudette Bradshaw, Maud Debien, Raymonde Folco.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* . Gerald Schmitz, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of its draft report on International Child Abductions.

Ordered, -- That the Committee staff obtain an opinion on the legal implications of Recommendation Ten (10) of the draft report and report back to the Sub-Committee.

It was agreed, --That with the exception of Recommendation Ten (10) the report, as amended, be adopted as the First Report of the Sub-Committee.

It was agreed, --That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the report.

At 4:27 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 10

TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 1998

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:42 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Paul Bonwick  
Claudette Bradshaw, Maud Debien, Raymonde Folco, Bob Mills.

*Other Member present:* Bill Graham.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* . Gerald Schmitz, James Lee and Kristin Douglas, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of its draft report on International Child Abductions.

It was agreed, --That Recommendation 10 be adopted and that the draft report as amended be adopted as the First Report of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development.

At 3:55 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consideration of the human rights issues brought forward by PEN Canada and B'nai Brith Canada

**WITNESSES:**

*B'nai Brith Canada:*

Lisa Armony, National Director, Institute of International Affairs;  
Rubin Friedman, Director, Government Relations;  
Stephen Scheinberg, Vice-President.

*PEN Canada:*

Marco Vinicio Gallardo, Son of Mexican Brigadier-General José Francisco Gallardo Rodriguez;  
Charlotte Gray, Chair, Writers in Prison Committee;  
Isobel Harry, Policy Director.



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UESDAY, MARCH 24, 1998

he Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:44 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Raymonde Folco, Keith Martin, Bob Mills, Svend Robinson, Diane St-Jacques.

*Acting Members present:* Murray Calder for Claudette Bradshaw; Bill Graham for Raymonde Folco; Benoit Buvageau for Maud Debien.

*Other Members present:* André Bachand, Bob Speller and Daniel Turp.

*Attendance:* From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Research Officer.

*Witnesses:* From PEN Canada: Isobel Harry, Policy Director; Charlotte Gray, Chair, Writers in Prison Committee; Marco Vinicio Gallardo, Son of Brigadier General José Francisco Gallardo Rodriguez. From B'nai Brith Canada: Lisa Armony, National Director, Institute of International Affairs; Rubin Friedman, Director, Government Relations; Stephen Scheinberg, Vice-President.

ursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to consider the human rights issues brought forward by PEN Canada and B'nai Brith Canada.

Charlotte Gray, Isobel Harry and Marco Vinicio Gallardo each made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:38 o'clock p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:47 o'clock p.m., the sitting resumed.

Rubin Friedman, Stephen Scheinberg and Lisa Armony each made a statement and answered questions.

At 5:28 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 12**

**Tuesday, April 28, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of the situation of human rights in Nigeria

**WITNESSES:**

*North-South Institute:*

Melanie Gruer.

*As Individual:*

Dapo Olorunyomi.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1998

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:40 o'clock p.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Paul Bonwick, Claudette Bradshaw, Maud Debien, Keith Martin.

*In attendance:* From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* Dapo Olorunyomi, Former Editor-in-Chief, *The News and Tempo* (Nigeria). *From the North-South Institute:* Melanie Gruer, Communications.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to consider the situation of human rights in Nigeria.

Dapo Olorunyomi and Melanie Gruer each made an opening statement and answered questions.

On motion of Maud Debien, it was agreed, --That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three (3) Members of the Sub-Committee are present including a Member of the Opposition.

It was agreed, --That the Sub-Committee meet with the Canadian Lawyers Association for International Human Rights to discuss conflict in the Western Sahara; and the Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America to discuss human rights in Mexico; and that further, the Sub-Committee convene a meeting to discuss options for future substantive studies of the Sub-Committee.

At 4:47 o'clock p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 13**

**Tuesday, May 26, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of the conflict in the Western Sahara Region

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Lawyers Association for International Human Rights:*

Jarat Chopra, Member;

Salim Fakirani, Member;

Robert Young, Member.





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Meeting No. 13

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1998

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 9:09 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Maud Debien, Keith Martin.

*Other Member present:* Daniel Turp.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Gerald Schmitz, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: Canadian Lawyers Association for International Human Rights:* Salim Fakirani, Member; Robert Young, Member; Jarat Chopra, Member.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to consider the conflict in the Western Sahara Region.

The witnesses each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 10:04 o'clock a.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 14**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of the situation of human rights in Mexico

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Labour Congress:*

Sheila Katz, Co-ordinator, NAFTA Desk.

*Inter-Church Committee for Human Rights in Latin America:*

Suzanne Rumsey, Program Coordinator, Central America and Mexico.

*International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development:*

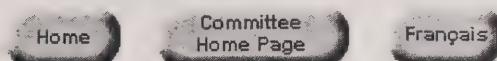
Madeleine Desnoyers, Officer, Americas' Program.

*Inter Pares:*

Roch Tassé, Program Officer for Latin America.

*University of Saskatchewan:*

John Foster, Ariel F. Sallow Professor for Human Rights.



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Meeting No. 14

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 1998

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 10:10 o'clock a.m., this day, in Room 308, West Block, Keith Martin, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Paul Bonwick, Maud Debien, Raymonde Folco, Keith Martin

*Acting Members present:* Judi Longfield for Claudette Bradshaw; Dick Proctor for Svend Robinson.

*Other Member present:* Daniel Turp.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* Gerald Schmitz, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development:* Madeleine Desnoyers, Americas Programme Officer. *From the Canadian Labour Congress:* Sheila Katz, Coordinator, NAFTA Desk. *From Inter Pares:* Roch Tassé, Program Officer for Latin America. *From Inter-Church Committee for Human Rights in Latin America:* Suzanne Rumsey, Program Coordinator, Central America and Mexico. *From University of Saskatchewan:* John Foster, Ariel F. Sallow Professor for Human Rights.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to consider the situation of human rights in Mexico.

The witnesses each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 10:35 o'clock a.m., the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, took the Chair.

Dick Proctor moved, --That whereas there exists in the State of Chiapas, Mexico a serious humanitarian crisis which includes violence, human rights abuses and the displacement of members of the indigenous population,

Whereas the Chiapas Red Cross has appealed for the involvement of the International Red Cross to assist in this difficult situation,

The Sub-Committee recommends that the Canadian Government publicly and formally request the intervention of the International Red Cross in Chiapas.

After debate, the question being put on the motion, it was unanimously agreed to.

• The witnesses continued to answer questions.

At 11:00 o'clock a.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 15**

**Wednesday, November 4, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Meeting with Jim Michel of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

**WITNESSES:**

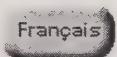
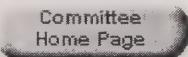
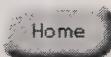
*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Cathy Mains, Senior Policy Analyst, Strategic Planning Branch, Policy Directorate.

*Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development:*

Jim Michel, Chairman, Development Assistance Committee.





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Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, November 4, 1998

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Paul Bonwick, Maud Debien, Hon. Sheila Finestone.

*In attendance:* From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Research Officer.

*Witness:* From the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development: Jim Michel, Chairman, Development Assistance Committee. From the Canadian International Development Agency: Cathy Mains, Senior Analyst, Strategic Planning Division, Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to meet with Jim Michel of the OECD.

Jim Michel made an opening statement and, with Cathy Mains, answered questions.

At 4:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 16**

**Tuesday, December 1, 1998**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Examination of the situation in Indonesia

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Concerned about Ethnic Violence in Indonesia:*

Yusni Hilwan, Secretary;

Windy Astuti Indrawidjaja, Member;

Jonas Ma, Co-Chair, Media and Public Education Subcommittee;

Herman Tan, Chief-Secretary.



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Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, December 1st, 1998

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 9:25 a.m. o'clock this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Maud Debien, Keith Martin.

*Acting Members present:* Bob Mills for Keith Martin and Libby Davies for Svend Robinson.

*In attendance:* From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: Gerald Schmitz, Research Officer.

*Witnesses:* From Canadians Concerned about Ethnic Violence in Indonesia: Jonas Ma, Co-Chair, Media and Public Education Sub-Committee; Herman Tan, Chief-Secretary; Yusni Hilwan, Secretary; Windu Astuti Indrawidjaja, Member.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to discuss its future business.

Ordered, --That the research staff of the Sub-Committee prepare a study plan for an examination of human security dimensions of human rights particularly as they relate to access to finite resources such as clean water and food, and related issues of population growth and security.

It was agreed, --That in relation to the above study, the Committee invite Action Canada for Population and Development and the IDRC to appear before it.

It was agreed, --That the Sub-Committee invite Parliamentarians for East Timor and the Bahai Community of Canada to appear before it at a single session of the Sub-Committee.

At 9:48 o'clock, the Sub-Committee proceeded to meet in public.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to examine the situation in Indonesia.

The witnesses each made an opening statement and answered questions.

Keith Martin moved, --That the Sub-Committee recommend to the Government of Canada that it petition the Security Council of the UN to charge ex-Indonesian President Suharto and members of his regime for genocide and crimes against humanity.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, --That the motion be stood for consideration at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee.

On motion of Libby Davies, it was agreed, --That the recommandations presented by the Canadians

Concerned about Ethnic Violence in Indonesia be referred to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade for its consideration.

At 10:56 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 17**

**Wednesday, March 17, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Information session on annual human rights consultations

**WITNESS:**

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Adèle Dion, Acting Director General, Global and Human Issues Bureau.



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Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, March 17, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:41 p.m., this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Maud Debien, the Hon. Sheila Finestone and Svend Robinson.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer and Gerald Schmitz, Research Coordinator.

*Witnesses :From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Adèle Dion, Acting Director General; Global and Human Issues Bureau.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to hold an information session on annual human rights consultations.

Adèle Dion made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:38 p.m., this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Maud Debien and Svend Robinson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee and Gerald Schmitz, Research Officers.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to consider its future business.

At 4:00 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 19**

**Tuesday, May 11, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Information session on the situation of Human security in Africa

**WITNESSES:**

*High Commission for the Republic of Sierra Leone:*

John Ernest Leigh, High Commissioner to Canada for the Republic of Sierra Leone.

*As Individual:*

David Pratt.



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Meeting No. 19

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met in a televised session at 3:24 p.m., this day, in Room 253-D, Centre Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Maud Debien, Keith Martin.

*Other Members present:* Gordon Earle, Dick Proctor, Julian Reed, Bernard Patry, Bill Graham, John Solomon, Daniel Turp.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer

*Witnesses: As an individual:* David Pratt, Member of Parliament, Special envoy to Sierra Leone of the Minister of Foreign Affairs. *From the High Commission for the Republic of Sierra Leone:* His Excellency John Ernest Leigh, High Commissioner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee held an information session on the situation of Human security in Africa.

His Excellency John Leigh and David Pratt, M.P., made opening statements and answered questions.

At 4:54 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 1**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

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Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:34 p.m., this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Eugène Bellemare, Aileen Carroll, Svend Robinson.

*Acting Member present:* Yves Rocheleau for Maud Debien.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch- Library of Parliament:* James Lee; Gerald Schmitz.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Sub-Committee proceeded to consider its future business.

It was agreed, -- That, the Sub-Committee do hold some information sessions and round table discussions prior to undertaking a more in-depth study of the Human Security situation in Africa.

At 3:51 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 2**

**Wednesday, November 17, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Information Session on Myanmar (formely Burma)

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Friends of Burma:*

Christine Harmston, Government Liaison;

Penny Sanger, Member, Executive Committee;

Murray Thomson, Chair, Executive Committee.

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Susan Brown, Chief, Peacebuilding Unit, International Humanitarian Assistance.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Ingrid Hall, Director General, South and Southeast Asia Bureau;

Philip Pinnington, Deputy Director, International Crime Division.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, November 17, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:38 p.m., this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Eleni Bakopanos, Colleen Beaumier, Eugène Bellemare, Aileen Carroll, Svend Robinson.

*Acting Member present:* Yves Rocheleau for Maud Debien.

Other Member present: Bernard Patry.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* James Lee; Gerald Schmitz.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian Friends of Burma:* Murray Thomson, Chair, Executive Committee; Penny Sanger, Member of the Executive Committee; Christine Harmston, Government Liaison. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Ingrid Hall, Director General, South and Southeast Asia Bureau; Philip Pinnington, Deputy Director, International Crime Division; Susan Brown, Chief, Peacebuilding Unit, International Humanitarian Assistance - CIDA.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its to Information Session on Myanmar (formerly Burma).

Penny Sanger, Murray Thomson and Christine Harmston made opening statements and answered questions. Ingrid Hall, Susan Brown and Philip Pinnington made opening statements and answered questions.

At 5:29 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 3**

**Wednesday, November 24, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Round Table Session on Human Security in Africa

**WITNESSES:**

**Round Table**

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Michel Archambault, Director General, North Africa and the Middle East;

Barbara Brown, Regional Director, Central Africa and Great Lakes Program.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Sandelle Scrimshaw, Director General, Africa Bureau;

Jill Sinclair, Director General, Global and Human Issues Bureau.

*International Development Research Centre:*

Stephen Baranyi, Senior Program Officer, Peacebuilding Program;

Tim Dottridge, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy and Planning Group.





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Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, November 24, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:47 p.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Eleni Bakopanos, Colleen Beaumier, Eugène Bellemare, Aileen Carroll, Keith Martin.

*Acting Member present:* Pauline Picard for Maud Debien.

*Other member present:* Francine Lalonde.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* James Lee; Gerald Schmitz, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Sandelle Scrimshaw, Director General, Africa Bureau; Jill Sinclair, Director General, Global and Human Issues Bureau. *From the Canadian International Development Agency:* Michel Archambault, Director General, North Africa and the Middle East; Barbara Brown, Regional Director, Central Africa and Great Lakes Program. *From the International Development Research Centre:* Tim Dottridge, Senior Policy Analyst, Policy and Planning Group; Stephen Baranyi, Senior Program Officer, Peacebuilding Program.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference, the Sub-Committee proceeded to hold a Round Table Session on Human Security in Africa.

Sandelle Scrimshaw, Jill Sinclair, Michel Archambault, Stephen Baranyi and Tim Dottridge made opening statements and answered questions.

Keith Martin gave notice of the following motion:

-- That in the opinion of this committee, the Government of Canada should immediately explore ways to get grain and other Canadian food products to the Angola people via CIDA Food Aid Program.

At 5:38 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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**Meeting No. 4**

**Wednesday, December 1, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Round table information session on human rights in Africa

**WITNESSES:**

*International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development:*

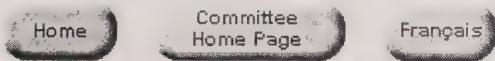
Iris Almeida, Director of Programs.

*North/South Institute:*

John Serieux, Senior Researcher.







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Meeting No. 4

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The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:38 p.m., this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Eugène Bellemare, Aileen Carroll, Maud Debien, Keith Martin.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* James Lee; Gerald Schmitz.

*Witnesses: From the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development:* Iris Almeida, Director of Programs. *From the North/South Institute:* John Serieux, Senior Researcher.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to hold a Round Table Information Session on Human Rights in Africa.

Iris Almeida and John Serieux made opening statements and answered questions.

Keith Martin moved, -- That in the opinion of this Committee, the Government of Canada should immediately explore ways to get grain and other Canadian Food Products to the Angola people via CIDA Food Aid Program.

After debate, by unanimous consent, Keith Martin amended the motion by adding after the word "explore", the word "further" and by striking out the following words: "grain and other".

After debate, the question was put on the amended motion and the result of the vote have been announced: YEAS: 2; NAYS: 2.

Whereupon the Chair voted in the affirmative. Accordingly, the amended motion was agreed to, and reads as follows:

-- That in the opinion of this Committee, the Government of Canada should immediately explore further ways to get Canadian Food Products to the Angola people via CIDA Food Aid Program.

At 5:30 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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**Meeting No. 5**

**Wednesday, December 15, 1999**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Information Session on the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) Assistance to  
Taiwan and Turkey following their earthquakes

**WITNESS:**

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Hunter McGill, Director General, International Humanitarian Assistance.





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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, December 15, 1999

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Eleni Bakopanos, Colleen Beaumier, Eugène Bellemare, Maud Debien, Svend Robinson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Canadian International Development Agency:* Hunter McGill, Director General, International Humanitarian Assistance.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded with its Information Session on the Canadian International Development Agency(CIDA) Assistance to Taïwan and Turkey following their earthquakes.

Svend Robinson moved, -- That the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development urges the **Government of Canada** to recognize as the legitimate authority in Burma today the Committee for the Restoration of a People's Parliament, made up of 251 elected MP's who have not been allowed to take their seats; and further urges the Government of Canada to **impose** investment sanctions on the illegal regime in Burma.

After debate, Eugene Bellemare moved the following amendment, -- That the words "Government of Canada" be replaced by "Parliament" and that the word "impose" be replaced by the words "consider the imposition of".

After debate, the question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the motion as amended, it was agreed to.

Consequently, the amended motion reads as follows:

-- That the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development urges **Parliament** to recognize as the legitimate authority in Burma today the Committee for the Restoration of a People's Parliament, made up of 251 elected MP's who have not been allowed to take their seats; and further urges the Government of Canada to **consider the imposition of** investment sanctions on the illegal regime in Burma.

It was agreed. -- That the Sub-Committee report the motion to the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

It was agreed. -- That the Sub-Committee hold hearings in February 2000 on the question of civil

society in the Democratic Republic of Congo and its neighbouring countries.

It was agreed. -- That the Minister for International Cooperation be asked to appear in early February on the situation in Africa.

The witness made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:37 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine

Committee Clerk

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**Meeting No. 6**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Round table meeting on the Democratic Republic of Congo

**WITNESSES:**

**Round Table**

«Centre de recherche sur la démocratie pour le développement en Afrique»:

Jean-Christophe Kasende, President of the Board of Directors.

«Commission politique du CSDCK»:

Lucien Naki, Chair and Chief for outside contacts for the Independent Commission for the Preparation for Inter-Congolese Dialogue.

«Table de concertation sur les droits humains au Congo-Kinshasa»:

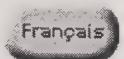
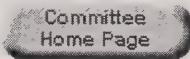
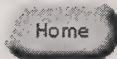
Denis Tougas, Spokesperson, «Entraide missionnaire».

Union for Democracy and Social Progress:

Marc Kapenda, Representative.







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Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, March 1st, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:37 p.m., this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Aileen Carroll, Maud Debien, Keith Martin, Svend Robinson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch - Library of Parliament:* James Lee; Gerald Schmitz, Researchers.

*Witnesses: From the Union for Democracy and Social Progress:* Marc Kapenda, Representative. *From the "Table de concertation (Entraide missionnaire)":* Denis Tougas. *From the "Commission politique du CSDCK":* Lucien Naki, Chair and Chief for Outside Contacts for the Independant Commission for the preparation for inter congolese dialogue. *From the "Centre de Recherche sur la démocratie pour le développement en Afrique":* Dr. Jean-Christophe Kasende, Chair of the Board of Directors.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), and its Order of Reference from the Standing Committee, the Sub-Committee proceeded to its Round Table meeting on the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Marc Kapenda, Denis Tougas, Lucien Naki, Jean-Christophe Kasende, made opening statements and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:38 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, March 22, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:39 p.m., this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Maud Debien,

*Acting Member present:* Dennis Gruending for Svend Robinson.

*In attendance:* From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Lee; Gerald Schmitz, Researchers.

*Witnesses:* From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Joseph Caron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Asia Pacific and Africa; Sandelle Scrimshaw, Director General, Africa Bureau; Philippe Beaulne, Deputy Director, West and Central Africa Division. From the Canadian International Development Agency: Rolando Bahamondes, Regional Analyst for Central Africa and the Great Lakes, Africa and Middle East Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to hold a briefing session on the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Joseph Caron and Rolando Bahamondes made opening statements and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

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**Meeting No. 1**

**Wednesday, March 14, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Briefing session on the situation in Colombia

**APPEARING:**

Hon. David Kilgour, Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa)

**WITNESSES:**

*ASOPRICOR:*

Agustín Reyes, Founder.

*Autonomous Afrocolombian Movement:*

Carlos Rosero, National Leader.

*Canada-Colombia Solidarity Campaign:*

Pablo Alejandro Leal.

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*Cauca Province, Southern Colombia:*

Ezequiel Vitonas Talanga.

*National Labour Congress, CUT, (Union Federation):*

Patricia Buritica, Leader.

*“Organización Femenina Popular (OFP), Barrancabermeja”:*

Dora Guzman.

*“Ruta Pacifica de Mujeres”, Women’s Path to Peace:*

Maria del Pilar Cordoba, Interpretation.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, March 14, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:30 p.m., this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Eugène Bellemare, Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Beth Phinney and Svend Robinson.

*Acting Member present:* Peter Goldring for Deepak Obhrai.

*Other Member present:* James Moore.

*In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

*Appearing: From the Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa):* The Hon. David Kilgour, Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa).

*Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Ron Davidson, Director, South America Division. *From the Canada-Colombia Solidarity Campaign:* Pablo Alejandro Leal. *From the ASOPRICOR:* Agustin Reyes, Founder of ASOPRICOR. *From the Autonomous Afrocolombian Movement:* Carlos Rosero, National Leader. *From the Barrancabermeja's Organizacion Femenina Popular (OFP):* Dora Guzman. *From the Cauca province (southern Colombia):* Ezequiel Vitonas Talanga, Indigenous Leader. *From the CUT:* Patricia Buritica, Leader of CUT (union federation). *From the Ruta Pacifica de Mujeres (Women's Path to Peace):* Maria del Pilar Cordoba.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee convened for a briefing session on the situation in Colombia.

The Minister made an opening statement and, with the official from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, answered questions.

At 4:30 p.m., the Committee adjourned its sitting.

At 4:35 p.m., the Committee resumed its sitting.

Pablo Alejandro Leal, Augustin Reyes, Carlos Rosero, Dora Guzman, Ezequiel Vitonas Talanga, Patricia Buritica and Maria del Pilar Cordoba each made opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:35 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Diane Deschamps

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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**Meeting No. 2**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Information Session on Human Rights and International Development

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Anne Bordé, Director General, Corporate Planning and Co-ordination, Policy Branch;

Tom Wallace, Director General, Policy Analysis and Development, Policy Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Adèle Dion, Director, Human Rights, Humanitarian Affairs and International Women's Equality Division.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, March 21, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:35 p.m., this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Eugène Bellemare, Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney and Svend Robinson.

*In attendance: From the Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee and David Goetz, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Adèle Dion, Director, Human Rights, Humanitarian Affairs and International Women's Equality Division; Adrian Norfolk, Acting Deputy Director, Multilateral Affairs, Human Rights, Humanitarian Affairs and International Women's Equality Division. *From the Canadian International Development Agency:* Anne Bordé, Director General, Corporate Planning and Coordination, Policy Branch; Kirsten Mlacak, Senior Analyst, Human Rights, Policy Branch; Tom Wallace, Director General, Policy Analysis and Development, Policy Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to an Information Session on Human Rights and International Development.

Adèle Dion made a statement and answered questions.

Anne Bordé and Tom Wallace made statements and answered questions.

At 5:08 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:13 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Sub-Committee discussed future business.

It was agreed, -- That the Sub-Committee undertake a study of human rights, development and related matters in Colombia.

At 5:35 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Christine Fisher

Committee Clerk



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### **Meeting No. 3**

**Wednesday, May 9, 2001**

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#### **ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

#### **WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Foundation for the Americas:*

Judy Meltzer, Policy Analyst;

Gord Schonwalder, Deputy Director.

*Rights and Democracy:*

Eleanor Douglas, Consultant;

Mary Durran, Communications Officer.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, May 9, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Eugène Bellemare, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

*Acting Member present:* Yves Rocheleau for Antoine Dubé.

*Other Member present:* Joe Comuzzi.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the Rights and Democracy:* Eleanor Douglas, Consultant; Mary Durran, Communications Officer. *From the Canadian Foundation for the Americas:* Gerd Schonwalder, Deputy Director; Judy Meltzer, Policy Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee commenced its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

Eleanor Douglas and Gerd Schonwalder made statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 9, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 6:34 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Eugène Bellemare, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

*Other Parliamentarian Members present:* Hon. Raynell Andreychuk, Senator, Bill Graham, Keith Martin, Maurice Vellacott.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to consideration of its future business and a potential study of Sudan.

Keith Martin made a statement.

Senator Raynell Andreychuk Senator, made a statement.

Maurice Vellacott made a statement.

Svend Robinson made a statement.

At 7:36 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

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**Meeting No. 5**

**Wednesday, May 16, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

**WITNESSES:**

*Carleton University:*

Christina Rojas, Assistant Professor, Norman Patterson School of International Affairs.

*Peace Brigades International:*

Luis van Isschot, North American Representative, Colombia Project.

*Royal Military College of Canada:*

Hal P. Klepak, Professor, History and Strategy.





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Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:44 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Acting Chair, Coleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Eugène Bellemare, Antoine Dubé

*Acting Member present:* Michel Guimond for Antoine Dubé.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

*Witnesses:* From the Carleton University: Cristina Rojas, Assistant Professor, Norman Patterson School of International Affairs. From the Royal Military College of Canada: Hal P. Klepak, Professor, History and Strategy. From the Peace Brigades International: Luis van Isschot, North American Representative, Colombia Project.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

The witnesses each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:15 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Paul Cardegn  
Committee Clerk



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### Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 30, 2001

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

#### WITNESSES:

*Canada-Colombia Solidarity Campaign 2001:*

Pablo Leal.

*Centre for Research in Latin America and the Caribbean:*

Emmanuel Rozental Klinger, Research Fellow.

*Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America:*

Bill Fairbairn, South America Program Coordinator;

Lilia Solano.

*As Individual:*

Kimberly Inksater.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, May 30, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:46 p.m. this day, in Room 362, East Block, the acting Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Eugène Bellemare, Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Deepak Obhrai.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Researcher.

*Witnesses: From the Inter-Church Committee on Human Rights in Latin America:* Bill Fairbairn, South America Program Coordinator; Lilia Solano. *From the Centre for Research in Latin America and the Caribbean:* Emmanuel Rozental-Klinger, Research Fellow. *From the Canada-Colombia Solidarity Campaign 2001:* Pablo Leal. *As Individual:* Kimberly Inksater, Consultant.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed,--That the Committee proceed to consideration of its future business.

Irwin Cotler moved,--That the Sub-Committee agree to undertake a study of the situation in Sudan and that a meeting on this subject be held on the evening of Wednesday June 6, 2001 and that Senator Lois Wilson, Special Envoy to Sudan, be invited as a witness.

And debate thereon, the question being put on the motion, it was negatived.

The Committee reverted to consideration of its Order of the Day

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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**Meeting No. 7**

**Wednesday, June 6, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Auto Workers:*

Ken Luckhardt, National Representative, International Department.

*Canadian Council for International Co-operation:*

Normand Comte, Development and Peace.

*Canadian Labour Congress:*

Sheila Katz, National Representative for the Americas.

*Colombia Embassy:*

Fanny Kertzman, Ambassador.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, June 6, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Eugène Bellemare, Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Deepak Bhraji, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Lee, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Canadian Labour Congress: Sheila Katz, National Representative for the Americas. From the Canadian Council for International Cooperation: Normand Comte, Development and Peace. From the Canadian Auto Workers: Ken Luckhardt, National Representative. From the Embassy Colombia: Ambassador, Fanny Kertzman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

Sheila Katz and Normand Comte made statements and, with Ken Luckhardt, answered questions.

Svend Robinson moved,--That this Committee express its deep concern about the recent disappearance of Colombian indigenous leader Kimy Pernia Domíco and others and urges the Colombian government to take all possible steps to seek the safe return of Mr. Pernia and to protect his life and that of others in the future.

After debate thereon, the question being put on the motion, it was carried unanimously.

At 4:29 p.m., the Committee suspended.

At 4:33 p.m., the Committee resumed.

Ambassador Fanny Kertzman was advised that due to votes in the House, her presentation would substantially be shortened and she was invited to return in the Fall.

At 4:36 p.m., the Committee suspended.

At 4:40 p.m., the Committee resumed *in camera* to consider its future business.

At 4:51 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Carol Chafe

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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**Meeting No. 7**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2000**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Briefing session on the Democratic Republic of Congo

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Rolando Bahamondes, Regional Analyst for Central Africa and the Great Lakes, Africa and Middle East Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Philippe Beaulne, Deputy Director, West and Central Africa Division;

Joseph Caron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Asia-Pacific and Africa;

Sandelle Scrimshaw, Director General, Africa Bureau.





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Wednesday, March 22, 2000

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:39 p.m., this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Jean Augustine, Colleen Beaumier, Maud Debien,

*Acting Member present:* Dennis Gruending for Svend Robinson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee; Gerald Schmitz, Researchers.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Joseph Caron, Assistant Deputy Minister, Asia Pacific and Africa; Sandelle Scrimshaw, Director General, Africa Bureau; Philippe Beaulne, Deputy Director, West and Central Africa Division. *From the Canadian International Development Agency:* Rolando Bahamondes, Regional Analyst for Central Africa and the Great Lakes, Africa and Middle East Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to hold a briefing session on the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Joseph Caron and Rolando Bahamondes made opening statements and with other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka

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**Meeting No. 8**

**Thursday, September 20, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

**WITNESSES:**

*Colombia:*

Guillermo E. Rishchynski, Canadian Ambassador to Colombia.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Ron Davidson, Director, South America Division.







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Meeting No. 8

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The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:39 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Eugène Bellemare, Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

*Other Members present:* Keith Martin, Maurice Vellacott.

*In attendance:* From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Lee, Gerry Schmitz. From the Committee and Parliamentary Associations Directorate: Stephen Knowles, Clerk of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

*Witnesses :* The Ambassador of Canada to Colombia: Guillermo E. Rishchynski. From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Ron Davidson, Director, South America Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

Ambassador Guillermo E. Rishchynski made an opening statement and, with Ron Davidson, answered questions.

At 5:11 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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**Meeting No. 9**

**Wednesday, September 26, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

**WITNESS:**

*Colombia:*

Fanny Kertzman, Ambassador.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Wednesday, September 26, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Eugène Bellemare, Antoine Dubé, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee.

*Witness: The Ambassador for Colombia:* H.E. Fanny Kertzman.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

H.E. Fanny Kertzman made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:41 p.m., by unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

On motion of Deepak Obhrai, it was agreed, -- That the Primate of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan be invited to appear before the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade on Wednesday, October 17, 2001 at 3:30 p.m.

At 4:43 p.m., pursuant to S.O. 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

Questioning of the witness continued.

At 5:08 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 10**

**Wednesday, October 3, 2001**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Election of a Chair and Vice-Chairs

Future business







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Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, October 3, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 4:00 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Antoine Dubé, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

*Acting Members present:* Wayne Easter for Sarkis Assadourian; Jean Augustine for Irwin Cotler; Bernard Patry for Marlene Jennings.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee.

Pursuant to the Order of Tuesday October 2, 2001 of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Election of the Chair.

The Clerk of the Sub-Committee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Wayne Easter, it was agreed, -That, Beth Phinney be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee.

Accordingly, Beth Phinney was declared duly elected Chair of the Sub-Committee and took the Chair.

At 4:08, by unanimous consent, the Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

On motion of Svend Robinson, it was agreed, --That the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade be authorized to receive evidence when a quorum is not present, provided that the Chair and two other members are present, including a member of the opposition.

On motion of Colleen Beaumier, it was agreed, --That the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development request the permission of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to travel to Colombia in relation to its study pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia, and that the necessary staff accompany the Committee.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, --That the Clerk of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development be instructed to phone the office of all sub-committee members to determine the most feasible week to undertake the trip to Colombia, and following that to prepare a budget for presentation to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade for the trip.

At 4:24 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 11**

**Wednesday, October 17, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Examination of the situation in Sudan

**WITNESSES:**

*Anglican Church of Canada:*

Peter R. Coffin, Bishop, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa.

*Episcopal Church of the Sudan:*

Joseph B. Marona, Archbishop; Bishop of Juba.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Wednesday, October 17, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C, Centre Block, the Acting-Chair, Colleen Beaumier, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Marlene Jennings, Svend Robinson.

*Acting Members present:* Keith Martin for Deepak Obhrai; Francine Lalonde for Antoine Dubé.

*Other Members present:* Maurice Vellacott; Dick Proctor; Joe Fontana.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Gerald Schmitz, Research Officers.

*Witness: From the Episcopal Church of the Sudan:* The Right Reverend Joseph Marona, Primate. *From the Anglican Church of Canada:* The Right Reverend Peter R. Coffin, Bishop of Ottawa.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee commenced its examination of the situation in Sudan.

Archbishop Joseph Marona made an opening statement and, with the witness, answered questions.

At 5:05 p.m., Marlene Jennings took the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 12**

**Tuesday, October 23, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

**WITNESSES:**

*Human Rights and Peace Commission of the Council of Evangelical Churches in Colombia:*

Ricardo Esquivia Ballestas, Director.

*Latin America Human Rights, Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives:*

Kathy Price, Researcher and Policy Advocate.

*Paz Colombia :*

Jorge Rojas, Representative.

*Permanent Assembly of Civil Society for Peace:*

Nelly Albaran, Representative.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

ting No. 12

day, October 23, 2001

Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Beth Phinney.

*Non-Members present:* Rob Anders for Deepak Obhrai; John McCallum for Sarkis Assadourian.

*Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Researcher.

*Guests: From the Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives:* Kathy Price, Jorge Rojas, Representative, Paz en Colombia; Ricardo Esquivia Balletas, Director of the Commission of Human Rights and Peace Counsel of Protestant Churches of Colombia; Nelly Albaran, Representative of the Asemblea Permanente de la Sociedad Civil por la paz (Permanent Assembly of Civil Society for Peace).

uant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee continued its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

Kathy Price made an opening statement.

Jorge Rojas, Ricardo Esquivia Balletas and Nelly Albaran each made an opening statement and answered questions.

Upon motion of Marlene Jennings it was agreed, --That the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development seek the approval of funds from the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade to hold a working breakfast on Wednesday, October 31, 2001 at 7:30 a.m. to meet with Jan Egeland, Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the United Nations on International Assistance to Colombia, with the cost of breakfast not to exceed \$250.00.

At 5:13 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston

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**Meeting No. 13**

**Wednesday, October 31, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

**WITNESSES:**

*United Nations:*

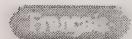
Jan Egeland, Special Adviser to the Secretary General on Colombia;

Angela Kane, Political Director for Latin America and Europe;

James LeMoine, Deputy Special Adviser to the Secretary General on Columbia.







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eting No. 13

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 7:41 a.m. this day, in Room 536, Wellington Building, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

*Other Members present:* Jean Augustine, Francine Lalonde.

*Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Gerald Amitz, Research Officers.

*Guests: From the United Nations:* Jan Egeland, Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the United Nations Colombia; James Lemoyne, Deputy Special Adviser to the Secretary General on International Assistance to Colombia; Angela Kane, Director, Division of Americas and Europe of Department of Political Affairs.

suant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee continued its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

Egeland made an opening statement and, with James Lemoyne and Angela Kane, answered questions.

3:54 a.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 14**

**Wednesday, October 31, 2001**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Bob Anderson, Vice-President, Americas;

Claude Beauséjour, senior program analyst, Brazil, Southern Cone and Colombia, South America Division;

Romy Peters, Acting Director, Brazil, Southern Cone and Colombia, South America Division.

*Colombian Mine Workers Union:*

Francisco Ramirez, President.



*Rights and Democracy:*

Warren Allmand, President;

Mary Durran, Communications Assistant.



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Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, October 31, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

Meeting Members present: Charles Hubbard for Colleen Beaumier; Betty Hinton for Deepak Obhrai.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Lee, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the Rights and Democracy: The Honourable Warren Allmand, President; Mary Durran, Communications Assistant. From the Canadian International Development Agency: Bob Anderson, Vice-president, Americas; Romy Peters, Acting Director, Brazil, Southern Cone and Colombia, South America Division; Claude Beauséjour, Senior Program Analyst, Brazil, Southern Cone and Colombia, South America Division. From SINTRAMINERCOL: Francisco Ramírez, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee continued its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

The Honourable Warren Allmand made an opening statement and, with Mary Durran, answered questions.

4:27 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

4:31 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Bob Anderson made an opening statement and, with Romy Peters and Claude Beauséjour, answered questions.

Francisco Ramírez made an opening statement and answered questions.

5:38 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 15**

**Wednesday, November 7, 2001**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Future business

Study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

**WITNESSES:**

*Amnesty International (Canada):*

John Jones, Colombia Coordinator;

Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Section.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

eting No. 15

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:40 p.m. this day, *in camera*, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Colleen Beaumier, Bill Casey, Antoine Dubé, Beth Phinney.

Non-voting Member present: Lynne Yelich for Deepak Obhrai; Dick Proctor for Svend Robinson.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Lee, Research Officer.

Guest: From the Amnesty International (Canada): Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Section; John Jones, Coordinator, Colombia.

Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

It was agreed:-- That notwithstanding the decision of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development to travel to Colombia prior to the Christmas break, as contained in its First Report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade on October 16, 2001, that the Sub-committee amend the report to read "prior to the end of the month of March", and that approval be sought of the same Standing Committee to change the date.

It was agreed, --That the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development begin its study on the Cuban or other issues prior to the completion of its study on Colombia.

At 4:00 p.m., the Committee proceeded to sit *in public*.

According to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-committee resumed its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

Mr. Neve and John Jones each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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### Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, November 21, 2001

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#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

Study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

#### WITNESSES:

*Canadian Embassy in Colombia:*

Stéphanie Allard, First Secretary, Commercial and Trade Program Manager.

*Nexen Inc.:*

Randy Gossen, Vice-President, Safety, Environment and Social Responsibility.

*Real Assets Investment Management:*

Kai Alderson, Vice-President, Research and Corporate Engagement.







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Wednesday, November 21, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

*Witnesses:* *From the Nexen Inc.:* Randy Gossen, Vice-President, Safety, Environment and Social Responsibility. *From Real Assets Investment Management:* Kai Alderson, Vice-President, Research and Corporate Engagement. *From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Stéphanie Allard, First Secretary, Commercial and Trade Program Manager, The Canadian Embassy in Colombia.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee continued its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

Randy Gossen and Kai Alderson each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 4:31 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:36 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Stéphanie Allard made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 17**

**Wednesday, December 5, 2001**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, December 5, 2001

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Antoine Dubé, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Lee, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-committee continued its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

The Sub-committee proceeded to study options for a draft report.

At 4:14 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 18**

**Wednesday, January 30, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia

**WITNESS:**

*University of Calgary:*

Stephen Randall, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Wednesday, January 30, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Beth Phinney.

Visiting Member present: Reed Elley for Deepak Obhrai.

Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament: James Lee, Research Officer.

Witnesses: From the University of Calgary: Stephen Randall, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Michael Harvey, First Secretary (Political Affairs), The Canadian Embassy in Colombia; Ron Davidson, Director, South America Division; Louise Crosby, Desk Officer / Colombia, South America Division.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-committee continued its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

Stephen Randall made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:43 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:52 p.m. the Committee resumed.

At 4:52 p.m., by unanimous consent, the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

On motion of Marlene Jennings, it was agreed, --That the Sub-committee hold two (2) hearings on Human Rights in Zimbabwe, on Wednesday, February 6 and February 20, 2002.

At 5:11 p.m., the Sub-committee proceeded to sit *in camera*.

The witnesses answered questions.

At 5:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Beth Phinney, Lib.

**Meeting No. 19**

**Wednesday, February 6, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the situation of human rights in Zimbabwe

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Denis Paradis, Secretary of State, (Latin America and Africa) (Francophonie)

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Bernice Vincent, Zimbabwe Program Manager, Southern Africa Program, Africa and Middle East Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Marcia Burdette, Action Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Division;

Arthur C. Perron, Director General, Africa Branch.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, February 6, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

*Acting Member present:* Keith Martin for Deepak Obhrai.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Gerald Schmitz, Research Officers.

*Appearing:* Denis Paradis, Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa).

*Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Arthur C. Perron, Director General, Africa Branch; Marcia Burdette, Acting Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Division. *From the Canadian International Development Agency:* Bernice Vincent, Zimbabwe Program Manager, Southern Africa Program, Africa and the Middle East Branch; Geneviève Gasser, Analyst (Policy and Strategic Planning), Policies, Planning and Management, Africa and Middle East Branch.

Pursuant to the Standing Order 108(2), the Committee commenced its examination of the situation of human rights in Zimbabwe. (See *Minutes of Proceedings* of Wednesday, January 30, 2002).

The Secretary of State made an opening statement and with the witnesses answered questions.

At 16:50 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 16:57 p.m., the sitting was resumed.

Keith Martin moved, --That whereas, the Sub-committee on Human Rights and International Development condemns Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe's brutalisation of his people, and his refusal to uphold the rule of law;

And whereas, the Sub-Committee recognizes the work done by the international community to diffuse the situation in Zimbabwe and recognizes the failure of the international community to diffuse the tragic situation in that country.

Therefore, the Sub-Committee recommends that the international community:

- 1) Suspend Zimbabwe from the Commonwealth;
- 2) Ban all international travel by Mr. Mugabe and members of his government;

- 3) Freeze the personal assets of Mr. Mugabe and his officials;
- 4) Impose an arms embargo on Zimbabwe;

Furthermore this Sub-Committee recommends that the government of Canada immediately recall our High Commissioner to Zimbabwe and dismiss Zimbabwe's High Commissioner to Canada.

And debate arose thereon.

Colleen Beaumier moved, --That the motion be allowed to stand.

The question being put on the motion, it was agreed to.

It was agreed, --That unless there is unanimous consent, forty-eight (48) hours notice must be given to the members of the Sub-Committee before any new item of business is considered by the Sub-Committee.

At 5:12 p.m., the Sub-Committee proceeded to sit in camera.

At 5:12 p.m., the Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

At 5:32 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 20**

**Wednesday, February 20, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the situation of human rights in Zimbabwe

**WITNESSES:**

*Amnesty International (Canada):*

Keith Rimstad, Regional Program Coordinator.

*Oxfam Canada:*

Jim MacKinnon, Program Officer, Southern Africa;

Ricky Stuart, Executive Director.







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Meeting No. 20

Wednesday, February 20, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Beth Phinney.

*Other(s) Member(s) present:* Jean Augustine for Sarkis Assadourian.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee.

*Witness(es): From Amnesty International (Canada):* Keith Rimstad, Regional Program Coordinator. *From Oxfam Canada:* Reiky Stuart, Executive Director; Jim MacKinnon, Program Officer, Southern Africa.

Pursuant to the Standing Order 108(2), situation of human rights in Zimbabwe (See *Minutes of Proceedings* of Wednesday, January 30, 2002).

Keith Rimstad and Jim MacKinnon each made an opening statement and, with the witness, answered questions.

At 4:46 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:52 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Marlene Jennings moved, --That whereas, the Sub-committee on Human Rights and International Development condemns Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe's brutalisation of his people, and his refusal to uphold the rule of law;

And whereas, the Sub-Committee recognizes the work done by the international community to diffuse the situation in Zimbabwe and recognizes the failure of the international community to diffuse the tragic situation in that country.

Therefore, the Sub-Committee recommends that the international community:

- 1) Suspend Zimbabwe from the Commonwealth;
- 2) Ban all international travel by Mr. Mugabe and members of his government;
- 3) Freeze the personal assets of Mr. Mugabe and his officials;
- 4) Impose an arms embargo on Zimbabwe;

Furthermore this Sub-Committee recommends that the government of Canada immediately recall our

High Commissioner to Zimbabwe and dismiss Zimbabwe's High Commissioner to Canada.

The question being put on motion, it was negative.

At 5:02 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston

Clerk of the Sub-Committee

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Chair: Beth Phinney, Lib.

**Meeting No. 21**

**Wednesday, February 27, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of the situation of human rights in Zimbabwe







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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:46 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Beth Phinney and Svend Robinson.

*Acting Members present:* Keith Martin for Deepak Obhrai.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

Pursuant to the Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to consideration of the situation of human rights in Zimbabwe (See *Minutes of Proceedings* of Wednesday, January 30, 2002).

Antoine Dubé moved, - Strongly condemning Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe's increasingly flagrant abuse of human rights, and his refusal to uphold the principles of democracy and the rule of law with the approach of the presidential election on 9-10 March 2002;

Recognizing the attempt by the Commonwealth to encourage a change in these policies;

Considering the recent expulsion by the Mugabe regime of the European Union's Chef de Mission, and the decision of both the European Union and the United States to impose "targeted sanctions" on the Mugabe regime;

Noting that torrential rains in Zimbabwe have exacerbated problems with food supply and famine is now anticipated;

Noting that Non-Governmental Organizations in the field have underlined the need to maintain contact with the Government of Zimbabwe in order to assist in meeting humanitarian needs there;

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development recommends that the Government of Canada consider immediately sending additional independent Canadian election observers to Zimbabwe. The government should also grant humanitarian aid to NGOs recognized by Canada and currently working in Zimbabwe in order to help them cope with the anticipated humanitarian crisis.

Should the upcoming interim report of the Commonwealth election observers not reflect sufficient positive change, however, the Sub-Committee recommends that the Government of Canada then:

- 1) Call for the immediate suspension of Zimbabwe from the Commonwealth;
- 2) Urge the Commonwealth to prevent Mr. Mugabe and senior members of his regime from visiting Commonwealth countries, and take other measures, such as the freezing of assets;

- 3) Continue the current Canadian policy of not selling offensive military goods to Zimbabwe, and encourage the Commonwealth and the international community to impose an arms embargo on that country.
- 4) Encourage the international community to take appropriate action against Zimbabwe, including through the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.
- 5) Continue to work with regional allies to address the immediate humanitarian needs of Zimbabweans.

Irwin Cotler moved, - That the motion be amended by adding after the words "assist in meeting humanitarian needs there;" the following:

Noting the work undertaken by Canadian NGO's to help address the problems in Zimbabwe, including the twinning of Canadian and Zimbabwean legislations;

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Keith Martin moved, - That the motion, as amended, be further amended by adding after the words "urge the Commonwealth", the following: "and other nations".

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Keith Martin moved, - That the motion, as amended, be further amended by adding after the words "freezing of assets" the following: "of Mr. Mugabe and 19 identified members of his leadership."

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

Mr. Dubé moved, - That the motion, as amended, be further amended by adding after the words "election observers to Zimbabwe" the following: "if conditions permit, and insist on the presence of an adequate number of inspectors."

The question being put on the amendment, it was agreed to.

The question being put on the motion, as amended, it was agreed to.

On motion of Colleen Beaumier, it was agreed,

- That the resolution be adopted as the Second Report of the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.
- On motion of Irwin Cotler, it was agreed,

- - That the Chair, Researcher and Clerk be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report.
- On motion of Keith Martin, it was agreed,
- - That the Chair or her designate be instructed to present the Second Report of the Sub-Committee to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade at the earliest opportunity for its agreement, prior to tabling it in the House of Commons.
- On motion of Antoine Dubé, it was agreed,
- - That letters be sent to the Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Secretary of State for Latin America and Africa, and the Secretary of State for Asia-Pacific informing them of the sub-committee's resolution.
- On motion of Colleen Beaumier, it was agreed,
- - That a Press Release be sent outlining the sub-committee's resolution.

At 4:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:19 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of options for a draft report on human rights development, on other matters in Colombia.

At 4:56 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston  
Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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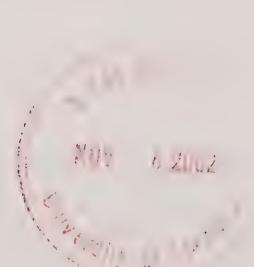
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**Meeting No. 22**

**Wednesday, April 17, 2002**

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**IN CAMERA**







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, April 17, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Member(s) of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

Pursuant to the Standing Order 108(2), the Committee proceeded to its study of the human rights situation in Zimbabwe.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to the consideration of the motion adopted February 27, 2002, which reads:

Strongly condemning Zimbabwe's President Robert Mugabe's increasingly flagrant abuse of human rights, and his refusal to uphold the principles of democracy and the rule of law with the approach of the Presidential election on 9-10 March, 2002;

Recognizing the attempt by the Commonwealth to encourage a change in these policies;

Considering the recent expulsion by the Mugabe regime of the European Union's Chef de Mission, and the decision of both the European Union and the United States to impose "targeted sanctions" on the Mugabe regime;

Noting that torrential rains in Zimbabwe have exacerbated problems with food supply and famine is now anticipated;

Noting that Non-Governmental Organizations in the field have underlined the need to maintain contact with the Government of Zimbabwe in order to assist in meeting humanitarian needs there;

Noting the work undertaken by Canadian NGO's to help address the problems in Zimbabwe, including the twinning of Canadian and Zimbabwean legislators;

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development recommends that the Government of Canada consider immediately sending additional independent Canadian election observers to Zimbabwe if conditions permit, and insist on the presence of an adequate number of inspectors. The government should also grant humanitarian aid to NGOs recognized by Canada and currently working in Zimbabwe in order to help them cope with the anticipated humanitarian crisis.

Should the upcoming interim report of the Commonwealth election observers not reflect no sufficient positive change, however, the Sub-Committee recommends that the Government of Canada then:

- 1) Call for the immediate suspension of Zimbabwe from the Commonwealth;
- 2) Urge the Commonwealth and other nations to prevent Mr. Mugabe and senior members of his regime from visiting their countries, and take other measures, such as the freezing of assets of Mr. Mugabe and 19 identified members of his leadership;
- 3) Continue the current Canadian policy of not selling any military goods to Zimbabwe, and encourage the Commonwealth and the international community to impose an arms embargo on that country;
- 4) Encourage the international community to take appropriate action against Zimbabwe, including through the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights;
- 5) Continue to work with regional allies to address the immediate humanitarian needs of Zimbabweans.

It was agreed, - That the motion be amended by striking out in paragraph 1 the word "increasingly".

It was agreed, - That the motion be further amended by striking out, in paragraph one, the words "with the approach of" and by substituting the following therefore: "before, during and after".

It was agreed, - That the motion be further amended by striking out in paragraph two the words "recognizing the", and by substituting the following therefor: "Recalling the".

It was agreed, - That the motion be further amended by striking out in paragraph three the words "considering the recent expulsion by the Mugabe regime of the European Union's chef de Mission, and" and by substituting the following therefor: "recalling".

It was agreed, - That the motion be further amended by adding the following:

Noting the report of the Commonwealth Observers Group to the Zimbabwean Presidential election, including its conclusion that "the conditions in Zimbabwe did not adequately allow for a free expression of will by the electors;"

Applauding the decision as a result to suspend Zimbabwe from the councils of the commonwealth for one year;

Acknowledging the need to encourage national reconciliation in Zimbabwe;

Applauding the Government of Canada's decision to freeze project funding, suspend export funding and prevent Mr. Mugabe and senior associates from visiting Canada;

It was agreed, - That the motion be further amended by striking out in former paragraph 7 the words "consider sending additional independent Canadian election observers in Zimbabwe if conditions permit, and insist on the presence of an adequate number of inspectors. The government should also" and by substituting

the following therefor: “continuing to grant”.

It was agreed, - That the motion be further amended by striking out in former paragraph 8 the words “should the upcoming interim report of the Commonwealth election observers not reflect subsequent positive change, however, the Sub-Committee recommends that “the Government of Canada then “and by substituting the following therefor: “The Government of Canada should also”.

It was agreed, - That the motion be further amended by striking out former paragraph 9 which reads: “call for immediate suspension of Zimbabwe from the Commonwealth; and by substituting the following therefor:

1) Argue that Zimbabwe not be invited to the Commonwealth Games, to be held in Manchester from July 25 through August 4, 2002;

It was agreed, - That the motion be further amended by striking out in former paragraph 10 the words “the freezing of assets”, and by substituting the following therefor: “freezing of the assets”.

It was agreed, - That the motion be further amended by adding in former paragraph 10, after the word “his leadership” the following: “and encouraging other countries to do the same”.

It was agreed, - That the motion be further amended by adding in former paragraph 12 before the words “encourage the international community”, the following: “As with its support for a European Union sponsored initiative at the 58<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations Commission on Human Rights”.

The question being put on the main motion, as amended, it was agreed to.

At 4:10 p.m., pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee proceeded to consideration of its study of human rights, development and other matters in Columbia.

The Sub-Committee proceeded to consideration of its draft report.

At 4:46 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth Kingston

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Chair: Beth Phinney, Lib.

**Meeting No. 23**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2002**

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**IN CAMERA**







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Wednesday, April 24, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

*Acting Members present:* Mark Assad for Sarkis Assadourian, Hedy Fry for Irwin Cotler, Keith Martin for Deepak Obhrai.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of its study of human rights, development and other matters in Colombia.

The Sub-Committee resumed consideration of its Draft Report.

It was agreed - That the Draft Report, as amended, be concurred in as the Third Report of the Sub-Committee and that the Chair or her designate be authorized to present it to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade at the earliest opportunity.

It was agreed - That pursuant to Standing Order 109, the Sub-Committee recommends that the Standing Committee request that the Government table a comprehensive response to this report within one hundred and fifty (150) days.

It was agreed - That the Chair be authorized to make such typographical and editorial changes as may be necessary without changing the substance of the Report to the Standing Committee.

It was agreed – That the Sub-Committee recommend to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade the printing of dissenting opinions as an appendix to this report, immediately follow the signature of the Chair.

It was agreed – That any dissenting opinions be limited to no more than 2 pages.

It was agreed – That any dissenting opinions be received by the Clerk, in both official languages, no later than 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Monday, April 29, 2002.

At 5:36 p.m., the Committee proceeded to the consideration of its future business.

It was agreed - That the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development request the

permission of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade to travel to the Sudan in relation to its study pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) of human rights, development and other matters in the Sudan from November 12, 2002 to November 22, 2002 and that the necessary staff accompany the Committee.

It was agreed - That the budget of \$ 208,438.00 be accepted by the Sub-Committee for the trip to Sudan and presented to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade for its approval.

At 5:48 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 24**

**Wednesday, May 1, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on human rights, development and other matters in Sudan

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Susan Brown, Chief, Peacebuilding Unit, Multilateral Programmes Branch;

John Deyell, Regional Director, East Africa and the Horn, Africa and Middle Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Alan Bones, Acting Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Division;

John McNee, Assistant Deputy Minister, Africa and Middle East Portfolio.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Wednesday, May 1st, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

*Acting Member present:* Maurice Vellacott for Deepak Obhrai.

*Other Members present:* Jean Augustine, Keith Martin.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* John McNee, Assistant Deputy Minister (Portfolio: Africa and Middle East); Alan Bones, Acting Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Division. *From the Canadian International Development Agency:* John Deyell, Regional Director, East Africa & the Horn, Africa and Middle Branch; John Jackson, Program Manager, Horn of Africa, Africa and Middle Branch; Susan Brown, Chief, Peacebuilding Unit, Multilateral Programmes Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study on human rights, development and other matters in Sudan (see Minutes of Proceedings and Evidence, June 6, 2001, Meeting No.7).

John McNee and John Deyell made opening statements and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

At 5:34 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Chair: Beth Phinney, Lib.

**Meeting No. 25**

**Wednesday, May 22, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on human rights, development and other matters in Sudan

**WITNESSES:**

*As Individuals:*

John Harker;

Lois Wilson.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, May 22, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:45 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney.

*Other Member present:* Maurice Vellacott.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee and Gerald Schmitz, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: As Individual:* The Hon. Lois Wilson, Canada's Former Special Envoy for the Sudan Peace Process; John Harker, African Expert and Author of the 2000 Harker report on Sudan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of human rights, development and other matters in Sudan.

Lois Wilson made an opening statement and answered questions.

John Harker made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:25 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Chair: Beth Phinney, Lib.

**Meeting No. 26**

**Wednesday, May 29, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on human rights, development and other matters in Sudan

**WITNESSES:**

*Alternatives Canada:*

Bashir Abdelgayoum.

*Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (KAIROS):*

Gary Kenny, Researcher/Policy Advocate for Human Rights – Africa;

Manock Lual, Regional Partnership Coordinator/Africa.

*World Vision Canada:*

Kathy Vandergrift, Senior Policy Adviser.







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Wednesday, May 29, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 371, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

*Acting Member present:* Maurice Vellacott for Deepak Obhrai.

*In attendance: From the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Researcher.

*Witnesses:* *From the Alternatives Canada:* Bashir Abdelgayoum. *From the Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives Kairos:* Gary Kenny, Researcher/ Policy Advocate for Human Rights - Africa; Manock Lual, Regional Partnership Coordinator/ Africa. *From World Vision Canada:* Kathy Vandergrift, Senior Policy Advisor.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of its study of human rights, development and other matters in Sudan. (see Minutes of Proceedings, June 6, 2001, Meeting No. 7)

Bashir Abdelgayoum, Gary Kenny, Manock Lual and Kathy Vandergrift each made an opening statement and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Chair: Beth Phinney, Lib.

**Meeting No. 27**

**Wednesday, June 5, 2002**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study on human rights, development and other matters in Sudan

**WITNESS:**

*International Eminent Persons Group:*

Georgette Gagnon, International Human Rights Lawyer, Technical Advisor, Slavery  
Abduction and Forced Servitude in Sudan.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 27

Wednesday, June 5, 2002

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 4:01 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Beth Phinney, presiding.

Members of the Sub-Committee present: Irwin Cotler, Antoine Dubé, Marlene Jennings, Beth Phinney.

Meeting Member present: Maurice Vellacott for Deepak Obhrai.

Attendance: From the Library of Parliament: James Lee, Researcher.

Witness: From the International Eminent Persons Group: Georgette Gagnon, International Human Rights Lawyer, Technical Advisor, Slavery, Abduction and Forced Servitude in Sudan.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of its study of human rights, development and other matters in Sudan. (see Minutes of Proceedings, June 6, 2001, Meeting No. 7)

Georgette Gagnon made an opening statement and answered questions.

On motion of Marlene Jennings, it was agreed:

That the letter concerning Sudan and the G8 Summit addressed to the Prime Minister be approved and sent prior to the beginning of the summit in Kananaskis, this coming June 2002, with the amendment noted in the French version that the word "musclé" in paragraph five be replaced by the word "intensif".

At 5:22 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Elizabeth B. Kingston

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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**Meeting No. 1**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2003**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Election of the Chair and Vice-Chairs

Future Business







## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, February 26, 2003

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:30 p.m. this day, in Room 208, West Block.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Deepak Obhrai, Svend Robinson, Yves Rocheleau.

*Acting Members present:* Marlene Jennings for Karen Kraft Sloan, Bernard Patry for Gurbax Malhi and Guy St. Julien for Beth Phinney.

*Other Member present:* Sarkis Assadodourian

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch, Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(1), the Clerk presided over the election of a Chair.

On a motion by Bernard Patry, it was agreed, -- That Irwin Cotler be elected Chair of the Sub-Committee.

Accordingly Irwin Cotler was duly elected Chair of the Sub-Committee and took the Chair.

On a motion by Bernard Patry, it was agreed, -- That Deepak Obhrai be elected Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee.

On a motion by Deepak Obhrai, it was agreed, -- That Colleen Baumier be elected Vice-Chair of the Sub-Committee.

It was agreed, -- That the Sub-Committee retain the services of the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament for Research Officers to assist the Sub-Committee.

On a motion by Yves Rocheleau, it was agreed, - That the Sub-Committee follow the procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade with respect to the order of questioning witnesses and that 10 minutes be allotted to the first questioner from each party for every hearing with witnesses.

The Sub-Committee discussed its future business.

Svend Robinson moved, -- That the Committee resume consideration of human rights, development and other matters in Sudan in conformity with the motion adopted by the Sub-Committee during the first session on June 5, 2002.

After debate the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

By unanimous consent it was agreed, -- That the Committee consider the Order of Reference of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade of October 28, 2002, as amended on

February 18, 2003, which is as follows:

Ordered , -- That consideration of the urgent matter of the humanitarian catastrophe in African states be referred to the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development and that the Sub-Committee prepare recommendations for solutions to address the crisis.

On a motion by Svend Robinson, it was agreed, -- That Stephen Lewis, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations for HIV/AIDS in Africa be invited to appear on April 1, 2003 in relation to the study on the humanitarian catastrophe in Africa.

On a motion by Svend Robinson, it was agreed, --That in relation to the study on the humanitarian catastrophe in Africa, the Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) along with officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) be called to appear on the situation in Zimbabwe on March 18, 2003.

At 3:58 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles

Committee Clerk

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**Meeting No. 2**

**Tuesday, March 18, 2003**

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Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, March 18, 2003

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Irwin Cotler, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Karen Kraft Sloan, Gurbax Malhi, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney, Yves Rocheleau.

*Acting Member present:* André Harvey for Gurbax Malhi

*Other Member present:* Keith Martin

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch, Library of Parliament:* James Lee and Marcus Pistor, Research Officers.

The Sub-Committee discussed its future business.

It was agreed, -- That with regard to the study on the humanitarian crisis in Africa the Sub-Committee hold weekly hearings until April 29, 2003 and that a report to the House be prepared for tabling prior to the June adjournment.

It was agreed, -- That with regard to the Sub-Committee study of the situation in Sudan at least four weekly hearings, beginning on May 6, 2003, take place prior to the June adjournment.

It was agreed, -- That consideration of the Orders of Reference of October 28, 2002 of the Standing Committee of Foreign Affairs and International Trade concerning the request of the Falun Dafa Association of Canada and the request of the *Rassemblement canadien pour le Liban* to appear and consideration of the Order of Reference of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade of February 6, 2003 concerning the request of Amnesty International to consider relations with China in view of human rights concerns be deferred.

At 4:23 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Chair: Irwin Cotler, Lib.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Tuesday, March 25, 2003**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Study of the urgent matter of the Humanitarian catastrophe in African states

**WITNESSES:**

*Amnesty International (Canada):*

Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Section.

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Michel Lemelin, Regional Director, Southern Africa Program, Africa and Middle East  
Branch;

Ernest Loewinsohn, Director General, Program against Hunger, Malnutrition and Disease.

*CARE Canada:*

A. John Watson, President.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

John McNee, Assistant Deputy Minister, Africa and Middle East;

John Schram, Canadian High Commissioner in Zimbabwe.





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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Tuesday, March 25, 2003

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:53 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Irwin Cotler, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Karen Kraft Sloan, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson, Yves Rocheleau.

*Acting Members present:* André Harvey for Gurbax Malhi

*Other Members present:* Keith Martin and John Williams

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch, Library of Parliament:* James Lee and Marcus Pistor, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* John McNee, Assistant Deputy Minister, Africa and Middle East; John Schram, Canadian High Commissioner in Zimbabwe. *From the Canadian International Development Agency:* Michel Lemelin, Regional Director, Southern Africa Program, Africa and Middle East Branch; Ernest Loewinsohn, Director General, Program against Hunger, Malnutrition and Disease. *From Amnesty International (Canada):* Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Section. *From CARE Canada:* A. John Watson, President; Nicole Hurtubise, Program Officer for Zimbabwe.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the urgent matter of the humanitarian catastrophe in African states (*See Minutes of proceedings of Wednesday, February 26, 2003, Meeting No. 1.*)

John McNee, John Schram, Ernest Loewinsohn and Michel Lemelin made statements and answered questions.

At 5:10 p.m., Alex Neve and A. John Watson made statements and answered questions.

At 5:53 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles

Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Chair: Bernard Patry, Lib.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Tuesday, April 1, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of a Dialogue on Foreign Policy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs

**WITNESS:**

*As Individual:*

Stephen Lewis, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on  
HIV/AIDS in Africa.



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, April 1st, 2003

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met jointly with the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade at 9:10 a.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Bernard Patry, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Karen Kraft Sloan, Yves Rocheleau.

*Acting Member present:* John Godfrey for Beth Phinney.

*Members of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade present:* Murray Calder, Aileen Carroll, Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Hon. Art Eggleton, Mark Eyking, André Harvey, Hon. Diane Marleau, Keith Martin, Alexa McDonough, Bernard Patry.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch, Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

*Witness: As Individual:* Stephen Lewis, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on HIV/AIDS in Africa.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of the urgent matter of the humanitarian catastrophe in Africa (*See Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, February 26, 2003, Meeting No. 1*).

The witness made a statement and answered questions.

At 11:00 a.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Bernard Patry, Lib.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Tuesday, April 8, 2003**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Study of a Dialogue on Foreign Policy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs

**WITNESSES:**

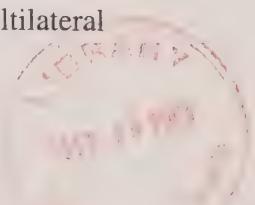
*Canadian International Development Agency:*

John Deyell, Regional Director, East Africa & the Horn, Africa and Middle East;

Ernest Loevinsohn, Director General, Program against Hunger, Malnutrition and Disease;

Louise Marchand, Director General, International Humanitarian Assistance, Multilateral  
Programmes Branch;

Jean-Marc Métivier, Vice-President, Multilateral Programmes Branch.



*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

David Angell, Deputy to the Personal Representative of the Prime Minister for Africa and Director of the Eastern and Southern Africa Division;

Anne-Marie Bourcier, Director General of the Africa Bureau;

Louis-Robert Daigle, Deputy Director of Central and Francophone Africa, West and Central Africa Division.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Tuesday, April 8, 2003

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 4:20 p.m. this day, in Room 701, La Promenade Building, the Chair, Irwin Cotler, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-committee present:* Irwin Cotler, Deepak Obhrai, Yves Rocheleau.

*Other Member present:* Keith Martin.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch, Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Anne-Marie Bourcier, Director General of the Africa Bureau; David Angell, Deputy to the Personal Representative of the Prime Minister for Africa and, Director of the Eastern and Southern Africa Division; Louis-Robert Daigle, Deputy Director of Central and Francophone Africa of the West and, Central Africa Division.

*From the Canadian International Development Agency:* Jean-Marc Métivier, Vice-President, Multilateral Programmes Branch; Louise Marchand, Director General, International Humanitarian Assistance, Multilateral Programmes Branch; Ernest Loevinsohn, Director General, Program against Hunger, Malnutrition and Disease; John Deyell, Regional Director, East Africa and the Horn, Africa and Middle East.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed its study of the urgent matter of the humanitarian catastrophe in African (See Minutes of proceedings of Wednesday, February 26, 2003, Meeting no. 1).

Anne-Marie Bourcier and Jean-Marc Métivier made statements and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 6:10 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 6**

**Tuesday, April 29, 2003**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Future business

Study of the urgent matter of the humanitarian catastrophe in Africa

**WITNESSES:**

*Alternatives Canada:*

Charles Mugraneza, Director of Overseas Programs.

*Partnership Africa Canada:*

Bernard Taylor, Executive Director.





## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Tuesday, April 29, 2003

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Irwin Cotler, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Karen Kraft Sloan, Svend Robinson and Yves Rocheleau.

*Acting Member present:* Keith Martin for Deepak Obhrai.

*Other member present:* André Harvey.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch of the Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Research Officer.

*Witnesses: From Partnership Africa Canada:* Bernard Taylor, Executive Director. *From Alternatives Canada:* Charles Mugraneza, Director of Overseas Programs.

On a motion by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Martin it was agreed:

- That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three members are present, including both government and opposition members.
- That the statements made by officials of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade and the Canadian International Development Agency to Members of the Sub-Committee on April 8, 2003 and the subsequent questions from Members and responses from officials be deemed Evidence for the Sub-Committee enquiry into the humanitarian catastrophe in Africa and that the Evidence so heard be deemed to constitute the Proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Sub-Committee.

By unanimous consent the Sub-Committee considered its Future Business.

Yves Rocheleau – moved that the Sub-Committee consider inviting a Burundi citizen residing in Canada to present a report on the situation in his country.

Debate arose.

It was agreed, - That the Burundi citizen be invited to forward the report to the Clerk for circulation to the Sub-Committee prior to any decision being taken.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study of the urgent matter of the

humanitarian catastrophe in Africa. (See *Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, February 26, 2003, Meeting No. 1*)

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:00 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 7**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2003**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Study of the urgent matter of the humanitarian catastrophe in Africa

**APPEARING:**

Honourable Denis Paradis, Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) (Francophonie).

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Marc-André Brault, Special envoy for the Congo and the Great Lakes Region;

Robert Peck, Director General, Africa.



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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, May 6, 2003

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:38 p.m. this day, in Room 308, West Block, the Chair, Irwin Cotler, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Karen Kraft Sloan, Deepak Obhrai, Beth Phinney, Svend Robinson.

*Acting Member present:* Francine Lalonde for Yves Rocheleau.

*Other Member present:* André Harvey.

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch, Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Research Officer.

*Appearing:* The Honourable Denis Paradis, Secretary of State (Latin America and Africa) (Francophonie).

*Witnesses: From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:* Marc-André Brault, Special Envoy for the Congo and the Great Lakes Region; Robert Peck, Director General a.i., Africa.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed its study of the urgent matter of the humanitarian catastrophe in African states. (See *Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, February 26, 2003, Meeting No. 1*).

The Secretary of State made a statement and with the witnesses answered questions.

At 5:27 p.m., the Sub-Committee discussed the content of a Sub-committee report.

At 5:33 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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**Meeting No. 8**

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Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, May 28, 2003

The Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:46 p.m. this day, in Room 306, West Block, the Chair, Irwin Cotler, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Irwin Cotler, Karen Kraft Sloan, Deepak Obhrai.

*Acting Members present:* Francine Lalonde for Yves Rocheleau and Alexa McDonough for Svend Robinson

*Other Members present:* Keith Martin and André Harvey

*In attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch, Library of Parliament:* James Lee and Marcus Pistor, Research Officers.

The Sub-Committee discussed its future business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee resumed consideration of the urgent matter of the humanitarian catastrophe in African states. (See *Minutes of Proceedings of Wednesday, February 26, 2003, Meeting No. 1*).

The Sub-Committee proceeded to consider a draft report.

It was agreed, - That the draft report be adopted as amended and the Chair present the report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, pursuant to the order of the Committee of October 28, 2002.

At 5:50 p.m., the Sub-Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Irwin Cotler, Lib.

**Meeting No. 9**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2003**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Human Rights and Development issues in Sudan

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Louise Marchand, Director General, International Humanitarian Assistance, Multilateral Programmes Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade:*

Anne-Marie Bourcier, Director General, Africa Bureau;

Laird Hindle, Desk Officer (Sudan), Eastern and Southern Africa Division.



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

day, June 3, 2003

Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 4:13 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Irwin Cotler, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Irwin Cotler, Karen Kraft Sloan, Beth Phinney, Yves Léveillé.

*Other Members present:* Keith Martin for Deepak Obhrai and Alexa McDonough for Svend Robinson

*Attendance:* From the Parliamentary Research Branch, Library of Parliament: James Lee, Research Officer.

*Witnesses:* The Honourable Mobina S.B. Jaffer, Senator, Special Envoy of the Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Sudan Peace Process.

*Witnesses:* From the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade: Anne-Marie Bourcier, Director General, a Bureau; Laird Hindle, Desk Officer (Sudan), Eastern and Southern Africa Division. From the Canadian International Development Agency: John Deyell, Regional Director, East Africa & the Horn, Africa and Middle East; Anne Marchand, Director General, International Humanitarian Assistance, Multilateral Programmes Branch.

iant to Standing Order 108(2), the Sub-Committee commenced consideration of Human Rights and Development issues in Sudan (See Minutes of Proceedings of February 26, 2003, Meeting No. 1).

or Jaffer made a statement and with the witnesses answered questions.

02 p.m., Karen Kraft Sloan moved, - That the Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development and the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade calls upon the Minister of Foreign Affairs to insist that a delegation of Parliamentarians visit the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

After debate the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

12 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Chair: Irwin Cotler, Lib.

**Meeting No. 10**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2003**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Consideration of Human Rights and Development issues in Sudan

**WITNESSES:**

*Project Ploughshares:*

Ernie Regehr, Executive Director.

*World Vision Canada:*

Kathy Vandergrift, Senior Policy Analyst.



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ng No. 10

day, June 10, 2003

Sub-Committee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:42 p.m. this day, in Room 269, West Block, the Chair, Irwin Cotler, presiding.

*Members of the Sub-Committee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Karen Kraft Sloan, Deepak Obhrai, Phinney, Yves Rocheleau.

*Members present:* Alexa McDonough and Keith Martin

*Attendance: From the Parliamentary Research Branch, Library of Parliament:* James Lee and Marcus Pistor, Research Officers.

*Witnesses: From Project Ploughshares:* Ernie Regehr, Executive Director. *From World Vision Canada:* Kathy McGrift, Senior Policy Analyst.

nt to Standing Order 108(2), the Committee resumed consideration of Human Rights and Development issues in . (See *Minutes of Proceedings of February 26, 2003, Meeting No. 1*).

itnesses made statements and answered questions.

7 p.m., the Committee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Sub-Committee



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Meeting No. 11

Tuesday, November 4, 2003

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Colleen Beaumier, Bill Casey, Irwin Cotler, Karen Kraft Sloan, Svend Robinson and Yves Rocheleau.

*Acting Members present:* Keith Martin for Deepak Obhrai.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(1), the Committee proceeded to the election of a Chair.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of the Chair.

On motion of Keith Martin, it was agreed, — That Irwin Cotler be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(2), the Committee proceeded to the election of Vice-Chairs.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of the Vice-Chairs.

On motion of Keith Martin, it was agreed, — That Deepak Obhrai be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.



On motion of Keith Martin, it was agreed, — That Colleen Beaumier be elected as Government Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

The Committee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Committee business.

At 3:53 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 1**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Eleni Bakopanos,  
Hon. Martin Cauchon,  
Stockwell Day,  
Hon. David Kilgour  
and Yves Rocheleau.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Larry Bagnell for Colleen Beaumier,  
Claude Duplain for Hon. Martin Cauchon,  
Alexa McDonough for Svend Robinson,  
and Karen Redman for Keith Martin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Lee, Analyst;  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

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Stephen Knowles  
Clerk of the Subcommittee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, April 21, 2004

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 307 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Hon. Eleni Bakopanos, Hon. Martin Cauchon, Stockwell Day, Hon. David Kilgour and Yves Rochefleau.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Larry Bagnell for Colleen Beaumier, Claude Duplain for Hon. Martin Cauchon, Alexa McDonough for Svend Robinson and Karen Redman for Keith Martin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Larry Bagnell, it was agreed, — That David Kilgour be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

Accordingly David Kilgour was duly elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

On motion of Claude Duplain, it was agreed, — That Stockwell Day be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

David Kilgour took the Chair.

On motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee retain the services of analysts from the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Subcommittee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee follow the procedure of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade with respect to the order of questioning witnesses and that 10 minutes be allotted to the first questioner from each party for every hearing with witnesses.

On motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three members are present, including both government and opposition members.

The Subcommittee discussed its future business.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee consider the role of the World Health Organization and that Dr. Jack Chow, Assistant Director-General, WHO for HIV/AIDS,

Tuberculosis and Malaria be invited to appear on April 28, 2004.

At 3:38 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Wednesday, April 28, 2004**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 21, 2004, the Subcommittee commenced its consideration of the role of the World Health Organization

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Eleni Bakopanos

Stockwell Day

Yves Rocheleau

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Claude Duplain for Keith Martin

Karen Redman for Hon. David Kilgour

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

James Lee, Analyst.

**WITNESS:**

*World Health Organization:*

Jack C. Chow, Assistant Director-General, HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria.

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Stephen Knowles  
Clerk of the Subcommittee





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Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, April 28, 2004

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:36 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Vice-Chair, Stockwell Day, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Eleni Bakopanos, Stockwell Day and Yves Rocheleau.

*Acting Members present:* Claude Duplain for Keith Martin and Karen Redman for David Kilgour.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Analyst.

*Witnesses: World Health Organization:* Jack C. Chow, Assistant Director-General, HIV/AIDS, TB and Malaria.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 21, 2004, the Subcommittee commenced its consideration of the role of the World Health Organization.

The witness made a statement.

At 3:50 p.m. the Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

On motion of Karen Redman, it was agreed, — That, pursuant to the Orders the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade of February 24, 2004 referring requests for the Committee to consider issues relating to the human rights situation in China to the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development, the Subcommittee, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), undertake a study of human rights in China.

On motion of Yves Rocheleau, it was agreed, — That, Pursuant to the Order February 24, 2004 of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, the Subcommittee, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), consider the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, and invite the following with a view to preparing a report to the House on lessons learned and actions that could be taken, to help prevent another genocide from happening: Retired Lt-Gen. Roméo Dallaire; Dr. Gerry Caplan, Rwanda Revisited; Dr. James Orbinski, Former MSF team leader in Rwanda (Doctors Without Borders); Oscar Gasana, President, Humura Association of Ottawa; Dr. Susan Thomson, Centre for Foreign Policy Studies, Dalhousie University, Halifax, NS.

At 3:52 p.m. the Subcommittee commenced questioning of the witness.

At 4:36 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2004/04/29 3:59 p.m.

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Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 28, 2004, the Subcommittee resumed its study of Human Rights in China

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Eleni Bakopanos  
Stockwell Day  
Hon. David Kilgour  
Deepak Obhrai  
Yves Rocheleau

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Brian Masse for Svend Robinson  
Bernard Patry for Keith Martin

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Lee, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canada-Tibet Committee:*  
Thubten Samdup, President.

*Carleton University:*  
Brian J. Given, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology.

*Amnesty International (Canada):*  
Carole Channer, China Country Coordinator.

*International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development:*

Iris Almeida, Director of Policy, Programmes and Planning;  
Lloyd Lipsett, Senior Assistant to the President;  
Carole Samdup, Program Officer.

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Stephen Knowles  
Clerk of the Subcommittee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, May 5, 2004

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:28 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Eleni Bakopanos, Stockwell Day, David Kilgour, Deepak Obhrai and Yves Rocheleau.

*Acting Members present:* Brian Masse for Svend Robinson and Bernard Patry for Keith Martin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* *Canada Tibet Committee:* Thubten Samdup, President. *Carleton University:* Brian J. Given, Professor of Sociology and Anthropology. *Amnesty International (Canada):* Carole Channer, China Country Coordinator. *International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development:* Iris Almeida, Director of Policy, Programmes and Planning; Lloyd Lipsett, Senior Assistant to the President; Carole Samdup, Program Officer.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 28, 2004, the Subcommittee commenced its study of Human Rights in China.

Thubten Samdup and Brian J. Given made statements.

At 3:50 p.m. the Subcommittee proceeded to discuss its future business.

On motion of Deepak Obhrai, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee in relation to its study on human rights issues in China invite Tibetan human rights activist Ngawang Sangdrol to appear at the first opportunity.

Carole Channer and Iris Almeida made statements.

It was agreed, — That the document entitled Economic Dimensions of Autonomy and Rights to Development in Tibet, presented by the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development, be appended to today's *Evidence*.

It was agreed, — That the brief of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development presented by Iris Almedia, be appended to today's *Evidence*.

Thubten Samdup, Carole Samdup, Iris Almeida, Brian J. Given and Carole Channer answered questions.

At 5:22 p.m. the Subcommittee proceeded to consider its future business.

Stockwell Day moved, — That, noting its motions of June 5, 2002, and February 26, 2003, the Subcommittee, pursuant to Standing order 108(2), continue its examination, begun in the Second Session of the 37th Parliament, of human rights and development issues in Sudan and recommend to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade that a delegation of the Subcommittee travel to Sudan for the purpose of monitoring and reporting on any human rights violations taking place.

Debate arose thereon.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Bernard Patry, it was agreed, — That the motion be divided and considered as follows as two separate motions:

- That, noting its motions of June 5, 2002, and February 26, 2003, the Subcommittee, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), continue its examination, begun in the Second Session of the 37th Parliament, of human rights and development issues in Sudan.

And

- That the Subcommittee recommend to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade that a delegation of the Subcommittee travel to Sudan for the purpose of monitoring and reporting on any human rights violations taking place.

The Subcommittee commenced consideration of the first part of the motion of Stockwell Day, - That, noting its motions of June 5, 2002, and February 26, 2003, the Subcommittee, pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), continue its examination, begun in the Second Session of the 37th Parliament, of human rights and development issues in Sudan

It was agreed, — That the motion be amended by inserting after the word “Sudan” the following: “including the possibility of a delegation travelling to Sudan”.

The question was put on the motion, as amended, and it was agreed to

At 5:31 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2004/05/07 12:46 p.m.

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**MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS**

**SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STANDING  
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 28, 2004, the Subcommittee resumed its study of Human Rights in China.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Eleni Bakopanos,  
Colleen Beaumier,  
David Kilgour,  
Deepak Obhrai  
and Yves Rocheleau.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Alexa McDonough for Svend Robinson.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Lee, Analyst;  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canada-Tibet Committee:*

Thubten Samdup, President;  
Tenzin Dargyal, President, Montreal Branch.

*International Campaign for Tibet (Washington):*

Geshe Lobsang Tenpa, Representative.

*Freedom Now:*

Jared Genser, President.

*Falun Dafa Association of Canada:*

Xun Li, President;  
Grace Wollensak, National Coordinator;  
Lucy Zhou, National Coordinator.

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Stephen Knowles  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:29 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Eleni Bakopanos, Colleen Beaumier, David Kilgour, Deepak Obhrai and Yves Rocheleau.

*Acting Members present:* Alexa McDonough for Svend Robinson.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Analyst; Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Canada Tibet Committee:* Thubten Samdup, President; Tenzin Dargyal, President, Montreal Branch. *International Campaign for Tibet (Washington):* Geshe Lobsang Tenpa, Representative.

*Freedom Now:* Jared Genser, President. *Falun Dafa Association of Canada:* Xun Li, President; Grace Wollensak, National Coordinator; Lucy Zhou, National Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 28, 2004, the Subcommittee resumed its study of Human Rights in China.

Thubten Samdup, Geshe Lobsang Tenpa and Jared Genser made statements and with Tenzin Dargyal answered questions.

At 3:33 p.m. Colleen Beaumier took the Chair.

ORDERED, — That the document of Human Rights Watch entitled Trials of a Tibetan Monk: The Case of Tenzin Delek, presented to the Subcommittee by the Canada Tibet Committee, be filed as an exhibit with the Clerk of the Subcommittee.

At 4:20 p.m. David Kilgour took the Chair.

Alexa McDonough moved, — That the Subcommittee, pursuant to Evidence presented on May 5 and May 12, 2004 in relation to its study on human rights issues in China, call upon the Government of China to give immediate attention to the question of human rights abuses in the Tibet Region and elsewhere in China .

Deepak Obhrai, seconded by Colleen Beaumier, moved, — That the motion be amended to strike out after the words “the Government of“ the word “China“ and to substitute the words “Canada to urge China to“.

The question was put on the motion as amended and it was agreed to as follows:

That the Subcommittee, pursuant to Evidence presented on May 5 and May 12, 2004 in relation to its study on human rights issues in China, call upon the Government of Canada to urge China to give immediate attention to the question of human rights abuses in the Tibet Region and elsewhere in China.

At 4:57 p.m. Xun Li, Grace Wollensak and Lucy Zhou made statements and answered questions.

At 5:33 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Stephen Knowles  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

### SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Chair: David Kilgour.

#### Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

#### ORDER OF THE DAY:

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

#### MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Peter Goldring,  
Hon. David Kilgour  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

#### ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don H. Bell for Hon. Paddy Torsney.

#### IN ATTENDANCE:

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*

James Lee, Analyst.

*House of Commons:*

Stephen Knowles, Committee Clerk.

Georges Etoka  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 1

Tuesday, November 2, 2004

The Subcommittee on Human rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 11:09 a.m. this day, in Room 307 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Peter Goldring, Hon. David Kilgour and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Acting Members present:* Don H. Bell for Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* James Lee, Analyst. *House of Commons:* Stephen Knowles, Committee Clerk.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Navdeep Bains, it was agreed, — That David Kilgour be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

On motion of Peter Goldring, it was agreed, — That Stockwell Day "in absentia" be elected as Opposition Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

David Kilgour took the Chair.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee retain the services of one or more analysts from the Parliamentary Information and Research Service of the Library of Parliament, as needed, to assist the Subcommittee in its work, at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That the Chair be authorized to hold meetings to receive and publish evidence when a quorum is not present provided that at least three (3) members are present including a member of the opposition.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That witnesses be given 10 minutes for their opening statement; that at the discretion of the Chair, during the questioning of witnesses, there be allocated 7 minutes for the first questioner of each party; and that thereafter 5 minutes be allocated to each subsequent questioner alternating between Government and Opposition parties.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That, except for amendments to bills, forty-eight (48) hours' notice be given before any substantive motion is considered by the Subcommittee; and That the motion be filed with the Clerk of the Subcommittee and circulated to members in both official languages. Upon receipt of the notice, the Clerk shall put the motion on the agenda of the Subcommittee's next meeting.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That, unless otherwise ordered, each Subcommittee member be allowed to have one staff person present at *in camera* meetings.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That, if requested, reasonable travel, accommodation and living expenses be reimbursed to witnesses not exceeding two (2) representatives per organization; and that, in exceptional circumstances, payment for more representatives be at the discretion of the Chair.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Subcommittee be authorized to distribute to the members of the Subcommittee documents only when they exist in both official languages and that no document from a witness be distributed without the Clerk's approval.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That the Clerk of the Subcommittee be authorized to make the necessary arrangements to provide for working meals for the Subcommittee.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That one copy of the transcript of all *in camera* meetings be kept in the Subcommittee Clerk's office for consultation by members of the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That the Clerk conduct consultations amongst all Members in order to find a suitable date and time for the Subcommittee to meet.

It was agreed, — That Members do provide the Clerk with a list of subjects that they would like the Subcommittee to study, before the next meeting.

It was agreed, — That, when necessary, and to avoid duplication, the Subcommittee could hold joint meetings with the Subcommittee on International Trade, Trade Disputes and Investment to consider issues of mutual interest.

At 11:35 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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**HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**  
of the  
Standing Committee  
on

**FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 2**

**Thursday, November 18, 2004**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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rsday, November 18, 2004

Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, David Kilgour, in ding.

bers of the Subcommittee present: Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter H. Martin, Hon. David Kilgour and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

Attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service: Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

following agenda was agreed to, as the subcommittee's programme till the Holidays' Break:

rsday, November 25, 2004 - Humanitarian Crisis in Darfur.

day, November 30th or Wednesday December 1st, 2004 - Human Rights in Burma.

sday, December 2, 2004 - Persecution of People of Faith.

sday, December 9, 2004 - Killing of women in Ciudad Juarez.

49 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Chair: David Kilgour.

**Meeting No. 3**

**Thursday, November 25, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on The Humanitarian Crisis in Darfur.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Stockwell Day  
and Hon. David Kilgour.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*OXFAM:*  
Lina Holguin, Advocacy Officer.

*Canadian Friends of Sudan:*  
Frank Jewsbury.

*As an Individual:*

Errol Mendes, Professor , International and Human Rights Law,  
Adviser to the Office of the Secretary General of the UN.

*Amnesty International (Canada):*

Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking.

*CARE Canada:*

Nicolas Palanque, Head of Emergency Operations.

*Conference of Defence Associations:*

Col Alain Pellerin, Executive Director;  
LGen Richard J. Evraire, (Retired), Chairman.

*World Vision Canada:*

Kathy Vandergrift, Director of Policy.

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Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Subcommittee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, November 25, 2004

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 9:07 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day and Hon. David Kilgour.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* OXFAM: Lina Holguin, Advocacy Officer. Canadian Friends of Sudan: Frank Jewsbury.

As an Individual: Errol Mendes, Professor, International and Human Rights Law, Adviser to the Office of the Secretary General of the UN. Amnesty International (Canada): Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking. CARE Canada: Nicolas Palanque, Head of Emergency Operations.

Conference of Defence Associations: Col Alain Pellerin, (Retired), Executive Director; LGen Richard J. Evraire, (Retired), Chairman. World Vision Canada: Kathy Vandergrift, Director of Policy.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on The Humanitarian Crisis in Darfur.

On motion of Ed Broadbent, it was agreed, — That the meeting on activities of a Canadian mining company, TVI Pacific, Inc., in Mindanao, Philippines scheduled for December 16, 2004 be postponed to February 2004.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Stockwell Day moved, — That Canada use its leadership role in the G20, its close ties to the present leadership of the World Bank and the IMF, as well as the impending visit of President George W. Bush to forge an agreement linking any assistance on the external debt of Sudan to real steps taken by the Khartoum government to stop the actions of the janjaweed militias against the Darfur civilian population, to implement the peace agreements, to negotiate in good faith with representative groups in Darfur and that Canada would also initiate integrated actions combining, but not limited to the departments of Foreign Affairs, development and defense to assist the African Union in resolving the Sudan Crisis.

Debate arose thereon.

After debate, the motion as amended was agreed to and reads as follows:

That Canada use all available means and channels, including its leadership role in the G20, its close ties to the present leadership of the World Bank and the IMF, as well as the impending visit of President George W. Bush to forge an agreement linking any assistance on the external debt of Sudan to real steps taken by the Khartoum government to disarm and dismantle the janjaweed militias, to implement a comprehensive peace agreement, and to negotiate in good faith with representative

groups in Darfur and elsewhere. That Canada initiate integrated actions combining, but not limited to the departments of Foreign Affairs and Defence and the Canadian International Development Agency to assist the African Union in resolving the Sudan Crisis. That Canada take steps to ensure that those responsible for the gross human rights violations in Sudan are brought to justice. That Canada take action to establish a full no-fly zone to protect civilians, to bring about a comprehensive arms embargo, and to put in place appropriate monitoring mechanisms. That the government consider putting in place travel bans against targeted individuals and a freeze on Sudanese assets as a means to pressure the government of Sudan to comply with its obligations under international law and the peace agreements

At 10:56 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2004/11/26 2:14 p.m.

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN  
AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 4**

**Wednesday, December 1, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Human Rights in Burma

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Stockwell Day  
Hon. David Kilgour

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. Don Boudria for Navdeep Bains  
Roger Clavet for Diane Bourgeois  
Bev Desjarlais for Hon. Ed Broadbent

**OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:**

Stéphane Bergeron

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma:*  
Sein Win, Prime Minister;  
Khin Omar, Women's Affairs Coordinator.

*Canadians Friends of Burma:*  
Shareef Korah, Executive Director.

*Burma Forum Canada:*  
Tin Maung Htoo, Coordinator.

Dr. Sein Win made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

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Georges Etoka  
Clerk of the Subcommitte

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, December 1, 2004

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:31 p.m. this day, in Room 307 West Block, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Stockwell Day and Hon. David Kilgour.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Don Boudria for Navdeep Bains, Roger Clavet for Diane Bourgeois and Bev Desjarlais for Hon. Ed Broadbent.

*Other Members present:* Stéphane Bergeron.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma: Sein Win, Prime Minister; Khin Omar, Women's Affairs Coordinator. Canadians Friends of Burma: Shareef Korah, Executive Director. Burma Forum Canada: Tin Maung Htoo, Coordinator.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Human Rights in Burma.

Dr. Sein Win made an opening statement and, with the other witnesses, answered questions.

Roger Clavet moved, — That the Committee is of the opinion that the Government must:

- a) condemn more forcefully the repeated and systematic human rights violations committed by the military junta in power in Burma, particularly those involving certain minority groups, including arrests and imprisonment without trial, summary and arbitrary executions, torture, rape, kidnappings of women, men and children, forced labour, denial of fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of assembly, association and expression, the recruitment of child soldiers and massive relocations of civilian populations;
- b) urge the authorities in Burma to release immediately and unconditionally all political prisoners, in particular Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the National League for Democracy (NLD), to end their harassment of them, to abolish all repressive laws and measures contravening international human rights conventions, and to take action to end the appalling humanitarian crisis facing hundreds of thousands of displaced people and refugees at Burma's borders (with China, India, Bangladesh and Thailand);
- c) provide tangible political support to the legitimate authorities in Burma, specifically the government in exile (the National Coalition Government for the Union of Burma) and the Committee Representing the People's Parliament;
- d) impose a comprehensive economic embargo on Burma and, *inter alia*, place severe penalties on

Canadian companies that violate the embargo;

- e) bring pressure to bear on the United Nations Secretary General and the international community, in order to establish a framework, primarily though ensuring the spread of the embargo, to bring the military junta to negotiate a peaceful transition toward democracy, in cooperation with the NLD and representatives of ethnic minority groups, as set out in all the resolutions of the United Nations on Burma since 1994;
- f) call upon the authorities in Burma to include the National League for Democracy (NLD) and other political parties in the on-going process of the National Convention, and warn that any outcome from the convention without the participation of the NLD and other parties will not be recognized.

Debate arose thereon.

Don Boudria moved, — That the motion be amended in paragraph (d) by deleting all the words after the word “impose” and replace them with the following:

more comprehensive economic measures on Burma, and in particular:

- Review the effectiveness of the *Export and Import Permits Act*;
- Review the feasibility of fully invoking the *Special Economic Measure Act*; and
- Impose a legal ban on further investment in Burma.

After debate, the motion, as amended was agreed to and reads as follows:

That the Committee is of the opinion that the Government must:

- a) condemn more forcefully the repeated and systematic human rights violations committed by the military junta in power in Burma, particularly those involving certain minority groups, including arrests and imprisonment without trial, summary and arbitrary executions, torture, rape, kidnappings of women, men and children, forced labour, denial of fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of assembly, association and expression, the recruitment of child soldiers and massive relocations of civilian populations;
- b) urge the authorities in Burma to release immediately and unconditionally all political prisoners, in particular Nobel Laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of the National League for Democracy (NLD), to end their harassment of them, to abolish all repressive laws and measures contravening international human rights conventions, and to take action to end the appalling humanitarian crisis facing hundreds of thousands of displaced people and refugees at Burma’s borders (with China, India, Bangladesh and Thailand);
- c) provide tangible political support to the legitimate authorities in Burma, specifically the government in exile (the National Coalition Government for the Union of Burma) and the Committee Representing the People’s Parliament;
- d) impose more comprehensive economic measures on Burma, and in particular:
  - review the effectiveness of the *Export and Import Permits Act*;

- review the feasibility of fully invoking the *Special Economic Measure Act*; and
- impose a legal ban on further investment in Burma.

e) bring pressure to bear on the United Nations Secretary General and the international community, in order to establish a framework, primarily through ensuring the spread of the embargo, to bring the military junta to negotiate a peaceful transition toward democracy, in cooperation with the NLD and representatives of ethnic minority groups, as set out in all the resolutions of the United Nations on Burma since 1994;

f) call upon the authorities in Burma to include the National League for Democracy (NLD) and other political parties in the on-going process of the National Convention, and warn that any outcome from the convention without the participation of the NLD and other parties will not be recognized.

At 4:53 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2004/12/06 9:59 a.m.

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Thursday, December 2, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on The Persecution of People of Faith.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Stockwell Day,  
Peter Goldring  
and Hon. David Kilgour.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Paule Brunelle for Diane Bourgeois.

**OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:**

James Lunney.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canada-Tibet Committee:*  
Tenzin Dargyal, National Coordinator, National Office.

*Bahá'í Community of Canada:*  
Suzanne Tamas, Director, Office of Governmental Relations.

*Falun Dafa Association of Canada:*  
Grace Wollensak, National Coordinator;  
Joel Chipkar, Media Contact Person.

*World Sikh Organization:*  
Ajit Singh Sahota, President.

*Christian Liberation Front Canada:*  
Peter Bhatti.

*Evangelical Fellowship of Canada:*  
Janet Epp Buckingham, Director, Law and Public Policy.

*One Free World International:*  
Majed El Shafie, President.

*Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council:*  
Amar Chakraborty, President.

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Georges Etoka  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, December 2, 2004

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring and Hon. David Kilgour.

*Acting Members present:* Paule Brunelle for Diane Bourgeois.

*Other Members present:* James Lunney.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* *Canada-Tibet Committee:* Tenzin Dargyal, National Coordinator, National Office. *Bahá'í Community of Canada:* Suzanne Tamas, Director, Office of Governmental Relations. *Falun Dafa Association of Canada:* Grace Wollensak, National Coordinator; Joel Chipkar, Media Contact Person. *World Sikh Organization:* Ajit Singh Sahota, President. *Christian Liberation Front Canada:* Peter Bhatti. *Evangelical Fellowship of Canada:* Janet Epp Buckingham, Director, Law and Public Policy. *One Free World International:* Majed El Shafie, President. *Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council:* Amar Chakraborty, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on The Persecution of People of Faith.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Ed Broadbent, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee, pursuant to Evidence presented on December 2, 2004 in relation to its study on religious persecution in Tibet and the goodwill generated by the visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Ottawa last April, call upon the Government of Canada to use its friendly relations with China to urge it to enter into meaningful negotiations, without preconditions, with representatives of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to peacefully resolve the issue of Tibet.

Stockwell Day moved, — That the ongoing International Policy Review examine ways in which the Government of Canada can make the protection and promotion of the right to freedom of religion and belief a central element of its efforts to defend human rights internationally.

Debate arose thereon.

Navdeep Bains moved, — That the motion be amended by adding immediately after the word “internationally” the following: “including in its international development assistance policy and programs; and, in particular, look at ways of making the receipt of Canadian aid conditional upon the absence of abuse of religious and other fundamental human rights”.

Debate arose thereon.

Ed Broadbent moved, — That the motion be amended by adding immediately after the word “internationally” the following: “;and, in particular, look at ways of making the receipt of Canadian aid conditional upon the absence of systematic abuse of religious and other fundamental human rights”.

After debate, it was agreed, that the motion as amended by Navdeep Bains and Ed Broadbent be agreed to, with the two amendments to be reported to the Main Standing Committee for approval on a final text.

The motion with the two amendments reads as follows:

That the ongoing International Policy Review examine ways in which the Government of Canada can make the protection and promotion of the right to freedom of religion and belief a central element of its efforts to defend human rights internationally,

a) including in its international development assistance policy and programs; and, in particular, look at ways of making the receipt of Canadian aid conditional upon the absence of abuse of religious and other fundamental human rights.

b) ; and, in particular, look at ways of making the receipt of Canadian aid conditional upon the absence of systematic abuse of religious and other fundamental human rights.

At 10:51 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2004/12/03 5:17 p.m.

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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 5**

**Thursday, December 2, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on The Persecution of People of Faith.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Stockwell Day,  
Peter Goldring  
and Hon. David Kilgour.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Paule Brunelle for Diane Bourgeois.

**OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:**

James Lunney.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canada-Tibet Committee:*

Tenzin Dargyal, National Coordinator, National Office.

*Bahá'i Community of Canada:*

Suzanne Tamas, Director, Office of Governmental Relations.

*Falun Dafa Association of Canada:*

Grace Wollensak, National Coordinator;  
Joel Chipkar, Media Contact Person.

*World Sikh Organization:*

Ajit Singh Sahota, President.

*Christian Liberation Front Canada:*

Peter Bhatti.

*Evangelical Fellowship of Canada:*

Janet Epp Buckingham, Director, Law and Public Policy.

*One Free World International:*

Majed El Shafie, President.

*Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council:*

Amar Chakraborty, President.

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Georges Etoka  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 5

Thursday, December 2, 2004

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 9:02 a.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring and Hon. David Kilgour.

*Acting Members present:* Paule Brunelle for Diane Bourgeois.

*Other Members present:* James Lunney.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* *Canada-Tibet Committee:* Tenzin Dargyal, National Coordinator, National Office. *Bahá'í Community of Canada:* Suzanne Tamas, Director, Office of Governmental Relations. *Falun Dafa Association of Canada:* Grace Wollensak, National Coordinator; Joel Chipkar, Media Contact Person. *World Sikh Organization:* Ajit Singh Sahota, President. *Christian Liberation Front Canada:* Peter Bhatti. *Evangelical Fellowship of Canada:* Janet Epp Buckingham, Director, Law and Public Policy. *One Free World International:* Majed El Shafie, President. *Bangladesh Hindu Buddhist Christian Unity Council:* Amar Chakraborty, President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on The Persecution of People of Faith.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Ed Broadbent, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee, pursuant to Evidence presented on December 2, 2004 in relation to its study on religious persecution in Tibet and the goodwill generated by the visit of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Ottawa last April, call upon the Government of Canada to use its friendly relations with China to urge it to enter into meaningful negotiations, without preconditions, with representatives of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to peacefully resolve the issue of Tibet.

Stockwell Day moved, — That the ongoing International Policy Review examine ways in which the Government of Canada can make the protection and promotion of the right to freedom of religion and belief a central element of its efforts to defend human rights internationally.

Debate arose thereon.

Navdeep Bains moved, — That the motion be amended by adding immediately after the word “internationally” the following: “including in its international development assistance policy and programs; and, in particular, look at ways of making the receipt of Canadian aid conditional upon the absence of abuse of religious and other fundamental human rights”.

Debate arose thereon.

Ed Broadbent moved, — That the motion be amended by adding immediately after the word “internationally” the following: “;and, in particular, look at ways of making the receipt of Canadian aid conditional upon the absence of systematic abuse of religious and other fundamental human rights”.

After debate, it was agreed, that the motion as amended by Navdeep Bains and Ed Broadbent be agreed to, with the two amendments to be reported to the Main Standing Committee for approval on a final text.

The motion with the two amendments reads as follows:

That the ongoing International Policy Review examine ways in which the Government of Canada can make the protection and promotion of the right to freedom of religion and belief a central element of its efforts to defend human rights internationally,

a) including in its international development assistance policy and programs; and, in particular, look at ways of making the receipt of Canadian aid conditional upon the absence of abuse of religious and other fundamental human rights.

b) ; and, in particular, look at ways of making the receipt of Canadian aid conditional upon the absence of systematic abuse of religious and other fundamental human rights.

At 10:51 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2004/12/03 5:17 p.m.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Chair: David Kilgour.

**Meeting No. 6**

**Thursday, December 9, 2004**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on Killing of women in Ciudad Juarez.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Peter Goldring,  
Hon. David Kilgour  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Regroupement québécois des centres d'aide et de lutte contre les agressions à caractère sexuel:*

Rita Acosta.

*Amnesty International (Canada):*

Mélanie Bizet, Campaign Coordinator, Canadian Francophone Chapter.

*Fédération des femmes du Québec:*

Gisèle Bourret, Advisor.

*As Individuals:*

Marie-Hélène Côté, Member of the Committee, Commission québécoise de solidarité avec les femmes de Juarez.

*Amnesty International (Canada):*

Cheryl Hotchkiss, Women Human Rights Campaigner.

*As Individuals:*

Marie France Labrecque, Member of the Committee, Commission québécoise de solidarité avec les femmes de Juarez.

*CUSO Québec:*

Lucie Lortie, Community Relations Officer.

*Amnesty International (Canada):*

Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking.

Georges Etoka

Clerk of the Subcommittee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 6

Thursday, December 9, 2004

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 9:17 a.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Peter Goldring, Hon. David Kilgour and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* *Regroupement québécois des centres d'aide et lutte contre les agressions à caractère sexuel:* Rita Acosta. *Amnesty International (Canada):* Mélanie Bizet, Campaign Coordinator, Canadian Francophone Chapter. *Fédération des femmes du Québec:* Gisèle Bourret, Advisor. *As Individuals:* Marie-Hélène Côté, Member of the Committee, Commission québécoise de solidarité avec les femmes de Juarez. *Amnesty International (Canada):* Cheryl Hotchkiss, Women Human Rights Campaigner. *As Individuals:* Marie France Labrecque, Member of the Committee, Commission québécoise de solidarité avec les femmes de Juarez. *CUSO Québec:* Lucie Lortie, Community Relations Officer. *Amnesty International (Canada):* Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Killing of women in Ciudad Juarez.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

On motion of Diane Bourgeois, it was agreed, — That Prime Minister Paul Martin, Foreign Affairs Minister Pierre Pettigrew, International Cooperation Minister Aileen Carroll, International Trade Minister James Scott Peterson and all other representatives of the Canadian government to raise the question of femicide in the State of Chihuahua, the violations of human rights there and the impunity of perpetrators, in their discussions and meetings with representatives of the Mexican government. In particular, we call upon them to make themselves fully informed about the situation (assassinations and disappearances) and current investigation practices and procedures, and determine what type of collaboration could be developed in this regard.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

On motion of Ed Broadbent, it was agreed, — That the motion on Darfur adopted by the Subcommittee on Thursday, November 25, 2004 be amended by:

- a) Striking out the words “ as well as the impending visit of President George W. Bush” in the first paragraph;
- b) By adding the word “ National “ immediately before the word “ Defence” .

On motion of Ed Broadbent, it was agreed, — That the following motions:

- a) On Darfur adopted on Thursday, November 25, 2004, (Meeting No 3)
- b) On Burma adopted on Wednesday, December 1st, 2004 (Meeting No 4), and
- c) On Tibet and on the persecution of People of Faith adopted on Thursday, December 2, 2004 (Meeting No 5)

be respectively reported to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade as the First, Second and Third Reports of the Subcommittee and the Subcommittee request that the Standing Committee do act on those recommendations.

On motion of Ed Broadbent, it was agreed, — That the operational budget of \$10 100.00 intended to pay for witnesses appearing before the Subcommittee be adopted and that it be referred to the Standing Committee for its submission to the Liaison Committee.

At 11:03 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Georges Etoka  
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Chair: David Kilgour (Lib.)

**Meeting No. 7**

**Tuesday, February 1, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on Rights-Based Development.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Stockwell Day,  
Peter Goldring,  
Hon. David Kilgour  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Parliamentary Information and Research Service:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Council for International Cooperation:*  
Gerry Barr, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*Rights and Democracy (International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development):*  
Carole Samdup, Programme Officer.

*Canadian International Development Agency:*  
Naresh Singh, Director General, Governance and Social Development Policy.

*World Vision Canada:*  
Kathy Vandergrift, Director of Policy.

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Georges Etoka  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 1:00 p.m. this day, in Room 371 West Block, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring, Hon. David Kilgour and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*In attendance: Parliamentary Information and Research Service:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* Canadian Council for International Cooperation: Gerry Barr, President and Chief Executive Officer. Rights and Democracy (International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development): Carole Samdup, Programme Officer. Canadian International Development Agency: Naresh Singh, Director General, Governance and Social Development Policy. World Vision Canada: Kathy Vandergrift, Director of Policy.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee do meet on Wednesdays, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. provided this is agreeable to all members.

On motion of Ed Broadbent, it was agreed, — That this Committee follow suit with the full Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade and strongly urge the government to substantially increase the funding to the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (Rights and Democracy).

It was agreed, — That the work plan as prepared by the analyst in consultation with the Chair, on the study of Rights-Based Development be approved.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Rights-Based Development.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 3:00 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 8**

**Wednesday, February 9, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on the Canadian Policy in Zimbabwe.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Peter Goldring,  
Hon. David Kilgour  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Roger Clavet for Diane Bourgeois,  
and Jason Kenney for Stockwell Day.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

## WITNESSES:

*Canadian Labour Congress:*

Steven Benedict, Director, International Department.

*As an Individual:*

Linda Freeman, Professor Political Science, Carleton University.

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Sam Landon, Head of Aid, Canadian High Commission, Harare, Zimbabwe;

Michel Lemelin, Director General, Eastern and Southern Africa Division, Africa and Middle East Branch.

*Oxfam Canada:*

Jim MacKinnon, Program Officer, South Africa.

*Amnesty International (Canada):*

Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs:*

Perry Calderwood, Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Division; Georges Flanagan Whalen, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and G8

Africa Action Plan Peace and Security Issues Desk Officer, Eastern and Southern Africa Division.

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Richard Rumas

Clerk of the Subcommittee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, February 9, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:27 p.m. this day, in Room 705 La Promenade Building, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Peter Goldring, Hon. David Kilgour and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Acting Members present:* Roger Clavet for Diane Bourgeois and Jason Kenney for Stockwell Day.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* Canadian Labour Congress: Steven Benedict, Director, International Department. *As an Individual:* Linda Freeman, Professor Political Science, Carleton University. Canadian International Development Agency: Sam Landon, Head of Aid, Canadian High Commission, Harare, Zimbabwe; Michel Lemelin, Director General, Eastern and Southern Africa Division, Africa and Middle East Branch. Oxfam Canada: Jim MacKinnon, Program Officer, South Africa. Amnesty International (Canada): Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking Branch. Department of Foreign Affairs: Perry Calderwood, Director, Eastern and Southern Africa Division; Georges Flanagan Whalen, Mozambique, Zimbabwe and G8 Africa Action Plan Peace and Security Issues Desk Officer, Eastern and Southern Africa Division.

Pursuant to the Order of Reference adopted by the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade on October 14, 2004, the Subcommittee held a briefing session on Canadian Policy in Zimbabwe.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Navdeep Bains moved, — That the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development hold a committee hearing on the Cuban government's denial of human rights. In particular, that a representative from the Christian Labour Association (CLAC) be invited to appear before it.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

At 5:32 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Subcommittee

2005/02/16 10:29 a.m.

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Chair: David Kilgour. Lib.

**Meeting No. 9**

**Monday, February 14, 2005**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on Canada's contribution to peace-building, human rights and development in Colombia.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Stockwell Day,  
Peter Goldring,  
Hon. David Kilgour  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of Foreign Affairs:*

Jean-Marc Duval, Ambassador of Canada to Colombia;  
José Herran-Lima, Director, South American Division.

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Guillermo Rishchynski, Vice-President, Americas Branch.

Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 9

Monday, February 14, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:51 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring, Hon. David Kilgour and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Department of Foreign Affairs:* Jean-Marc Duval, Ambassador of Canada to Colombia; José Herran-Lima, Director, South American Division. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Guillermo Rishchynski, Vice-President, Americas Branch.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Canada's contribution to peace-building, human rights and development in Colombia.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:26 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Subcommittee

2005/02/22 12:54 p.m.

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Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 10**

**Wednesday, February 16, 2005**

**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on Canada's contribution to peace-building, human rights and development in Colombia.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Stockwell Day,  
Peter Goldring,  
Hon. David Kilgour  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Alexa McDonough.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Amnesty International (Canada):*

Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking Branch.

*Inter Pares:*

Jean Symes, Program Coordinator.

*Canadian Council for International Cooperation:*

Nadja Drost, Program Officer, Americas Policy Group.

*National University of Colombia:*

Lilia Solano, Director of Proyecto Justicia y Vida and Professor,  
Faculty of Law.

*Amnesty International (Canada):*

John Jones, Coordinator, Colombia;  
Keith Rimstad, Regional Program Coordinator.

*Canadian Council for International Business:*

Mark Katz, Vice-President, Lawyer, Davies Ward Phillips &  
Vineberg.

*KAIROS:*

John Lewis, Program Coordinator, Human Rights.

*Inter Pares:*

David Bruer, Program Manager.

*Canadian Auto Workers Union:*

Ken Luckhardt, National Representative, International Department.

*Save the Children Canada:*

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Richard Rumas

Clerk of the Subcommittee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 10

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring, Hon. David Kilgour and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Other Members present:* Alexa McDonough.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* Amnesty International (Canada): Alex Neve, Secretary General, English Speaking Branch. Inter Pares: Jean Symes, Program Coordinator. Canadian Council for International Cooperation: Nadja Drost, Program Officer, Americas Policy Group. National University of Colombia: Lilia Solano, Director of Proyecto Justicia y Vida and Professor, Faculty of Law. Amnesty International (Canada): John Jones, Coordinator, Colombia; Keith Rimstad, Regional Program Coordinator. Canadian Council for International Business: Mark Katz, Vice-President, Lawyer, Davies Ward Phillips & Vineberg. KAIROS: John Lewis, Program Coordinator, Human Rights. Inter Pares: David Bruer, Program Manager. Canadian Auto Workers Union: Ken Luckhardt, National Representative, International Department. Save the Children Canada: Marlen Mondaca.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed a briefing session on Canada's contribution to peace-building, human rights and development in Colombia.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:31 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 11**

**Thursday, February 24, 2005**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed a briefing session on Canada's contribution to peace-building, human rights and development in Colombia.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Stockwell Day,  
Peter Goldring,  
Hon. David Kilgour  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Massimo Pacetti for Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*International Development Research Centre:*  
Rohinton Medhora, Vice President, Program and Partnership;  
Colleen Duggan, Senior Program Specialist.

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Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 11

Thursday, February 24, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 11:08 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring, Hon. David Kilgour and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Acting Members present:* Massimo Pacetti for Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses: International Development Research Centre:* Rohinton Medhora, Vice President, Program and Partnership; Colleen Duggan, Senior Program Specialist.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed a briefing session on Canada's contribution to peace-building, human rights and development in Colombia.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Ed Broadbent moved, — That the Subcommittee of Human Rights and International Development urges the Minister of Foreign Affairs to instruct the Canadian delegation to the Commission on Human Rights in Geneva to:

1. Propose a resolution on Colombia at the Commission on Human Rights that includes a strong statement of support for the office of the United Nations High Commission for Human Rights in Colombia and its important role in the country.

2. Include in Canada's statement to the Commission:

- a clear reference to the existence of an internal armed conflict and humanitarian crisis in Colombia;
- a clear statement condemning the high level of impunity in Colombia;
- a call for an interim report from the High Commissioner at the General Assembly in September;
- a statement encouraging the High Commissioner, Louise Arbour, to visit Colombia.

After debate, the question was put on the motion and it was agreed to.

It was agreed, — That the motion be adopted as the Fourth Report of the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Fourth Report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

At 12:29 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 12:31 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

At 1:06 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2005/03/04 9:38 a.m.

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Chair: Hon. David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 12**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [commenced / resumed] its study of the activities of Mining Company TVI Pacific, Inc. in the Philippines.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Stockwell Day,  
Peter Goldring,  
Hon. David Kilgour  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:**

Joe Comartin.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development:*  
Diana Bronson, Coordinator, Program on Globalisation and  
Human Rights.

*Mining Watch Canada:*  
Catherine Coumans, Research Coordinator and Asia Pacific  
Program.

*As Individuals:*  
Onsino Mato;  
Godofredo Galos;  
Craig Forcese, Law Professor, University of Ottawa.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 12

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Hon. David Kilgour, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring, Hon. David Kilgour and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Other Members present:* Joe Comartin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses: International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development:* Diana Bronson, Coordinator, Program on Globalisation and Human Rights. *MiningWatch Canada:* Catherine Coumans, Research Coordinator and Asia Pacific Program. *As Individuals:* Onsino Mato; Godofredo Galos; Craig Forcese, Law Professor, University of Ottawa.

By unanimous consent, the Committee discussed the issue of child soldiers in Sri Lanka.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee commenced its study of the activities of Mining Company TVI Pacific, Inc. in the Philippines.

Catherine Coumans and Diana Bronson made statements and with Craig Forcese answered questions.

By unanimous consent, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee continue the sitting *in camera*.

At 4:47 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:53 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

Godofredo Galos and Onsino Mato made statements.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That representatives of TVI Pacific Inc. be invited to appear before the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That additional witnesses be invited to appear in relation to the activities of TVI Pacific Inc. and that the Chair consult the other Members on the selection of witnesses.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to Standing Order 108 (2), and in light of the recent joint letter by parliament's opposition leaders to the Prime Minister calling for clarity of purpose for the Canadian International Development Agency, and respecting a timeline for Canada to reach 0.7% of GDP going to development assistance, the Sub-committee on Human Rights and International Development study the issue of federal legislation for Official Development Assistance and issue a report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee convene a meeting to discuss recent cuts to the NGO Project Facility Fund by CIDA.

At 5:37 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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**SUBCOMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
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COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND  
INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Chair: David Kilgour, Lib.

**Meeting No. 13**

**Tuesday, April 5, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) the Subcommittee commenced its study of Denial of Human Rights in Cuba.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Stockwell Day,  
Peter Goldring  
and Hon. David Kilgour.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Odina Desrochers for Diane Bourgeois,  
Jason Kenney for Stockwell Day,  
and Russ Powers for Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*As Individual:*

Ana González, Spanish Language Interpreter.

**WITNESSES:**

*Cuban Canadian Foundation:*

Ismael Sambra, President;  
Asdrubal Caner, Vice-president;  
Carmen Delia Llano, Representative;  
David Levy, Human Rights Director.

*Canadian Network on Cuba:*

Marvin Glass, Co-Chair.

*Christian Labour Association of Canada:*

Allan Horton, Ontario Provincial Solidarity Organizer;  
Frank Kooger, International Representative.

*Canadian Labour Congress:*

Steven Benedict, National Director, International Department.

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Guillermo Rishchynski, Vice-President, Americas Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs :*

Jamal A Khokhar, Director General, Latin America and Caribbean Bureau;  
Louise Branch, Deputy Director, Central America and Cuba, Caribbean and Central America Division.

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Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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ay, April 5, 2005

Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 11:01 a.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Hon. David Kilgour, presiding.

*ers of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring and Hon. Kilgour.

*Members present:* Odina Desrochers for Diane Bourgeois, Jason Kenney for Stockwell Day and Russ Powers for Addy Torsney.

*ndance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst. *As Individual:* Ana González, Spanish Language Interpreter.

*ses: Cuban Canadian Foundation:* Ismael Sambra, President; Asdrubal Caner, Vice-president; Carmen Delia Representative; David Levy, Human Rights Director. *Canadian Network on Cuba:* Marvin Glass, Co-Chair. *Canadian Labour Association of Canada:* Allan Horton, Ontario Provincial Solidarity Organizer; Frank Kooger, National Representative. *Canadian Labour Congress:* Steven Benedict, National Director, International Department. *Canadian International Development Agency:* Guillermo Rishchynski, Vice-President, Americas Branch. *Department of Foreign Affairs:* Jamal A Khohkar, Director General, Latin America and Caribbean Bureau; Louise Branch, Deputy Director, Central America and Cuba, Caribbean and Central America Division.

nt to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee commenced its study of Denial of Human Rights in Cuba.

Witnesses from the Christian Labour Association of Canada, the Cuban Canadian Foundation, the Canadian Labour Association and the Canadian Network on Cuba made statements and answered questions.

35 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

40 p.m., the sitting resumed.

Witnesses from the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of Foreign Affairs made statements and answered questions.

2 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Navdeep Bains, Lib.

**Meeting No. 14**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Election of the Chair

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, March 23, the Subcommittee commenced its study of Evaluation of NGO Project Facility Fund.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Stockwell Day,  
Wajid Khan  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Ted Menzies for Peter Goldring.

**OTHER MEMBER PRESENT:**

Hon. David Kilgour.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*House of Commons:*

James M. Latimer, Procedural Clerk.

**WITNESSES:**

*Cause Canada:*

Paul Carrick, Founder and Director of Special Projects.

*Help the Aged:*

Sheldon Gilmer, Representative.

*Alberta Council for Global Cooperation:*

Cherie Klassen, Executive Director.

*Ontario Council for International Cooperation:*

Eva Morrison, Member, Board of Directors.

Richard Rumas

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Meeting No. 14

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 4:24 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to Standing Order 106(1).

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Wajid Khan and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Acting Members present:* Ted Menzies for Peter Goldring.

*Other Members present:* Hon. David Kilgour.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst. *House of Commons:* James M. Latimer, Procedural Clerk.

*Witnesses:* *Cause Canada:* Paul Carrick, Founder and Director of Special Projects. *Help the Aged:* Sheldon Gilmer, Representative. *Alberta Council for Global Cooperation:* Cherie Klassen, Executive Director. *Ontario Council for International Cooperation:* Eva Morrison, Member, Board of Directors.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of the Chair.

Ted Menzies moved, — That Stockwell Day be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

Diane Bourgeois moved, — That Navdeep Bains be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

Pursuant to Standing Order 106(3), the election was conducted by secret ballot.

The ballots having been counted, Navdeep Bains was declared duly elected Chair.

Navdeep Bains took the Chair.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Stockwell Day, it was agreed, — That the Subcommittee thank the Honourable David Kilgour for his work as Chair.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, March 23, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of Evaluation of NGO Project Facility Fund.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

Ed Broadbent moved, — That this Subcommittee urge the Government to consider recommitting itself to maintaining \$15 million to the NGO Program Facility Fund.

Debate arose thereon.

It was agreed, — That lacking unanimous consent, the motion be deferred to the next meeting of the Subcommittee.

At 5:34 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Navdeep Bains, Lib.

**Meeting No. 15**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee [proceeded to / resumed] a briefing session on Global Human Rights[subject].

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Stockwell Day,  
Peter Goldring,  
Wajid Khan  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jason Kenney  
and Hon. David Kilgour.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESS:**

*Human Rights Watch:*  
Kenneth Roth, Executive Director.

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Clerk of the Subcommittee



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 15

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Navdeep Bains, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Other Members present:* Jason Kenney and Hon. David Kilgour.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Human Rights Watch:* Kenneth Roth, Executive Director.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee proceeded to a briefing session on Global Human Rights.

Kenneth Roth made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:34 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 4:38 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee meet on May 4, 2005 on the International Policy Statement and the Legislative Mandate of CIDA and that representatives of NGO's and think tanks be invited as witnesses.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee meet on May 11, 2005, to discuss mining in developing countries and that witnesses from the Department of Natural Resources, Foreign Affairs, International Trade and from the Mining Association of Canada be invited to appear.

It was agreed, — That representatives from TVI Pacific Inc. appear on May 18, 2005.

It was agreed, — That at its June 1, 2005 meeting the Subcommittee invite various NGOs to discuss corporate social responsibility in developing countries.

It was agreed, — That the June 8, 2005 meeting with the Hon. Aileen Carroll be on the CIDA Facility Fund Program and the International Policy Statement.

It was agreed, — That should a meeting be held on June 15, 2005, the Subcommittee will examine human rights in Haiti.

At 5:35 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Navdeep Bains. Lib.

**Meeting No. 16**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on [date referred]], the Subcommittee [commenced / resumed] its review of Canada's International Policy Statement.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Peter Goldring,  
Wajid Khan  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. David Kilgour  
and Ted Menzies.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*

Marcus Pistor, Analyst;  
Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian Council for International Cooperation:*

Gerry Barr, President and Chief Executive Officer.

*North-South Institute:*

Roy Culpeper, President.

*Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale:*

Maria-Luisa Monreal, Director General.

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Meeting No. 16

Wednesday, May 4, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Navdeep Bains, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Ed Broadbent, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan and Paddy Torsney.

*Other Members present:* Hon. David Kilgour and Ted Menzies.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst; Gerald Schmitz, Principal.

*Witnesses: Canadian Council for International Cooperation:* Gerry Barr, President and Chief Executive Officer. *North-South Institute:* Roy Culpeper, President. *Association québécoise des organismes de coopération internationale:* Marie-Luisa Monreal, Director General.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 20, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its review of Canada's International Policy Statement - Canadian Development Assistance.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

At 4:47 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Chair: Navdeep Bains, Lib.

**Meeting No. 17**

**Wednesday, May 11, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on [date referred]], the Subcommittee resumed its study of Mining in Developing Countries - Corporate Social Responsibility.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains  
Hon. Ed Broadbent  
Wajid Khan.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Department of International Trade:*

Christine Côté, Acting Director, Investment Trade Policy Division (EBI)

Vivien Escott, Deputy Director, Trade Southeast Asia Division  
Vernon MacKay, Senior Trade Policy Analyst, Investment Trade Policy Division (EBI)

Carl Pilon, Trade Commissioner

Ken Sunquist, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Business and Chief Trade Commissioner.

*Department of Natural Resources:*

Lise-Aurore Lapalme, Senior Policy Advisor, Economic, Financial and Social Analysis Branch

Michel Miron, Senior Policy Advisor, Industry Analysis and Business Development Branch

Gary Nash, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minerals and Metals Sector

Louis Perron, Senior Policy Advisor, Programs Branch.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 17

Wednesday, May 11, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:41 p.m. this day, in Room 701 La Promenade Building, the Chair, Navdeep Bains, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Hon. Ed Broadbent and Wajid Khan.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* *Department of International Trade:* Christine Côté, Acting Director, Investment Trade Policy Division (EBI); Vivien Escott, Deputy Director, Trade Southeast Asia Division. *Department of Natural Resources:* Lise-Aurore Lapalme, Senior Policy Advisor, Economic, Financial and Social Analysis Branch. *Department of International Trade:* Vernon MacKay, Senior Trade Policy Analyst, Investment Trade Policy Division (EBI). *Department of Natural Resources:* Michel Miron, Senior Policy Advisor, Industry Analysis and Business Development Branch; Gary Nash, Assistant Deputy Minister, Minerals and Metals Sector; Louis Perron, Senior Policy Advisor, Programs Branch. *Department of International Trade:* Carl Pilon, Trade Commissioner; Ken Sunquist, Assistant Deputy Minister, International Business and Chief Trade Commissioner.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 20, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced its study of Mining in Developing Countries - Corporate Social Responsibility.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 4:05 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:13 p.m., the sitting resumed.

At 5:33 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

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Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Navdeep Bains, Lib.

**Meeting No. 18**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of the activities of Mining Company TVI Pacific, Inc. in the Philippines.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Hon. Ed Broadbent,  
Stockwell Day,  
Peter Goldring,  
Wajid Khan  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Hon. David Kilgour.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*TVI Pacific Inc:*  
Clifford James, President and CEO;  
John Ridsdel, Advisor, Corporate Affairs.

*As Individuals:*  
Benifacio Patoh;  
Pablo Bernardo.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 18

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:32 p.m. this day, in Room 308 West Block, the Chair, Navdeep Bains, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Other Members present:* Hon. David Kilgour.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses: TVI Pacific Inc:* Clifford James, President and CEO; John Ridsdel, Advisor, Corporate Affairs. *As Individuals:* Benifacio Patoh; Pablo Bernardo.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2), the Subcommittee resumed its study of the activities of Mining Company TVI Pacific, Inc. in the Philippines.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 3:52 p.m., the Hon. Paddy Torsney took the Chair.

At 4:55 p.m., Navdeep Bains took the Chair.

At 5:14 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:19 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the draft Operational Budget request in the amount of \$11,100 be adopted and provided to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

The Subcommittee considered a draft report on Darfur.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Second Report of the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That the draft report as adopted, be presented by the Chair to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

At 5:33 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas

Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Navdeep Bains, Lib.

**Meeting No. 19**

**Wednesday, June 1, 2005**

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 20, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of Mining in Developing Countries - Corporate Social Responsibility.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains  
Diane Bourgeois  
Ed Broadbent  
Peter Goldring  
Wajid Khan  
Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Joy Smith for Stockwell Day.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Rights and Democracy:*  
Diana Bronson, Coordinator, Globalisation and Human Rights.

*As Individuals:*  
Madelaine Drohan  
Craig Forcese, Law Professor, University of Ottawa.

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 19

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209 West Block, the Chair, Navdeep Bains, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Ed Broadbent, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Acting Members present:* Joy Smith for Stockwell Day.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses: Rights and Democracy:* Diana Bronson, Coordinator, Globalisation and Human Rights. *As Individuals:* Madelaine Drohan; Craig Forcese, Law Professor, University of Ottawa.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 20, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of Mining in Developing Countries - Corporate Social Responsibility.

The witnesses made statements and answered questions.

At 5:01 p.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 5:10 p.m., the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of a draft report.

At 5:32 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Navdeep Bains, Lib.

**Meeting No. 20**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2005**

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

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nesday, June 8, 2005

Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:33 p.m. this day, in Room 269 West Block, the Chair, Navdeep Bains, presiding.

*bers of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter H. Martin, Wajid Khan and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst; James Lee, Analyst.

uant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 20, 2005, the Subcommittee commenced consideration of a draft report on Mining in Developing Countries - Corporate Social Responsibility.

33 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Navdeep Bains, Lib.

**Meeting No. 21**

**Wednesday, June 15, 2005**

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Meeting No. 21

Wednesday, June 15, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:34 p.m. this day, in Room 307 West Block, the Chair, Navdeep Bains, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Acting Members present:* Mark Eyking for Wajid Khan.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Analyst.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 20, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of Mining in Developing Countries - Corporate Social Responsibility.

The Subcommittee resumed consideration of a draft report.

It was agreed, — That the draft report be adopted as the Third Report of the Subcommittee.

It was agreed, — That the Chair present the Thrid Report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade.

It was agreed, — That, the Subcommittee request that the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade request, pursuant to Standing Order 109, a comprehensive government response to this Report.

At 5:33 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2005/06/16 11:01 a.m.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Chair: Navdeep Bains. Lib.

**Meeting No. 22**

**Wednesday, June 22, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on [date referred]], the Subcommittee [commenced / resumed] its study of Evaluation of NGO Project Facility Fund.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Navdeep Bains,  
Diane Bourgeois,  
Stockwell Day,  
Peter Goldring,  
Wajid Khan  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Helena Guergis for Stockwell Day.

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jason Kenney.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
James Lee, Analyst.

**APPEARING:**

Hon. Aileen Carroll, Minister of International Cooperation.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian International Development Agency:*  
Jennifer Benimadhu, Vice-president, Canadian Partnership Branch;  
Ric Cameron, Senior Vice-President.

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Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 22

Wednesday, June 22, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met in a televised session at 3:35 p.m. this day, in Room 237-C Centre Block, the Chair, Navdeep Bains, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Acting Members present:* Helena Guergis for Stockwell Day.

*Other Members present:* Jason Kenney.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Analyst.

*Appearing:* Hon. Aileen Carroll, Minister of International Cooperation.

*Witnesses: Canadian International Development Agency:* Jennifer Benimadhu, Vice-president, Canadian Partnership Branch; Ric Cameron, Senior Vice-President.

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on April 20, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of Evaluation of NGO Project Facility Fund.

The Minister made a statement and with the other witnesses answered questions.

At 5:00, the sitting was suspended.

At 5:04, the sitting resumed *in camera*.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee hold meetings on human rights and development aid in Haiti, on human rights in Cuba; on the new United Nations Convention on Disability and CIDA's policies as they relate to people with disabilities in developing countries, and on the situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Canada's policy towards the country.

At 5:21 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Richard Rumas  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2005/06/23 11:40 a.m.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE**

Chair: Navdeep Bains, Lib.

**Meeting No. 23**

**Wednesday, October 5, 2005**

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**IN CAMERA**



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 23

Wednesday, October 5, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, the Chair, Navdeep Bains, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Hon. Ed Broadbent, Stockwell Day, Peter Goldring, Wajid Khan and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Other Members present:* Helena Guergis.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* James Lee, Analyst.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That, until further notice the Subcommittee continue to meet on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m..

It was agreed, — That, Louise Arbour, UN Commissioner for Human Rights be invited to appear before the Subcommittee on Wednesday, October 19, 2005.

It was agreed, — That, during the fall session, 2 (two) meetings be held on the topic of Cuba, 2 (two) meetings on Congo DR and 1 (one) meeting on the upcoming DOHA round of negotiations to be held in Hong Kong in December 2005.

At 4:21 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine  
Committee Clerk

2005/10/06 2:19 p.m.

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Chair: Paul DeVillers, Lib.

**Meeting No. 24**

**Monday, October 31, 2005**

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**ORDER OF THE DAY:**

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Hon. Navdeep Bains,  
Joe Comartin,  
Stockwell Day,  
Hon. Paul DeVillers  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

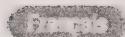
**ACTING MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Pierre A. Paquette for Diane Bourgeois.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Subcommittee



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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 24

Monday, October 31, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 5:37 p.m. this day, in Room 209, West Block, for the purpose of electing a Chair, pursuant to the order of the Standing Committee of Thursday, October 14, 2004.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Hon. Navdeep Bains, Joe Comartin, Stockwell Day, Hon. Paul DeVillers and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Acting Members present:* Pierre A. Paquette for Diane Bourgeois.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

The Clerk of the Subcommittee presided over the election of a Chair.

On motion of Stockwell Day, it was agreed, — That Paul Devillers be elected Chair of the Subcommittee.

On motion of Navdeep Bains, it was agreed, — That Stockwell Day be elected Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

At 5:45 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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Chair: Paul DeVillers, Lib.

**Meeting No. 25**

**Wednesday, November 16, 2005**

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**IN CAMERA**



## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 25

Wednesday, November 16, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met *in camera* at 3:40 p.m. this day, in Room 307, West Block, the Chair, Paul DeVillers, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Hon. Navdeep Bains, Diane Bourgeois, Stockwell Day and Hon. Paul DeVillers.

*Acting Members present:* Hon. Ed Broadbent for Joe Comartin.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That, in the future, the Subcommittee meet on Thursdays from 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

It was agreed, — That, on Thursday, November 24, 2005 the Subcommittee hold a meeting on the topic of Cuba, during which the first hour be dedicated to hear officials from the Canadian International Development Agency and the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Foreign Affairs) and that during the second hour it proceed to a discussion amongst themselves on this subject-matter.

It was agreed, — That, on December 1st, the Subcommittee hear from the Honourable Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of Foreign Affairs, on the Government response to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade's report on Mining in Developing Countries—Corporate Social Responsibility.

At 3:52 p.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

Roger Préfontaine  
Committee Clerk

2005/11/18 10:59 a.m.

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Chair: Paul DeVillers, Lib.

**Meeting No. 26**

**Thursday, November 24, 2005**

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**ORDERS OF THE DAY:**

Pursuant to Standing Order 108(2) [and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on [date referred]], the Subcommittee [commenced / resumed] its study of Denial of Human Rights in Cuba.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

**MEMBERS OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE PRESENT:**

Diane Bourgeois,  
Joe Comartin,  
Hon. Paul DeVillers,  
Helena Guergis  
and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

**ACTING MEMBER PRESENT:**

Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Navdeep Bains.

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

*Library of Parliament:*  
Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

**WITNESSES:**

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Gisèle Aubut, Senior Development Officer (Cuba), Americas Branch.

*Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Foreign Affairs):*

Louise Branch, Deputy Director, Central America and Cuba, Caribbean, Central America and Andean Region Division;  
Jamal A Khokhar, Director General, Latin America and Caribbean Bureau;  
Christian Lapointe, Director, Caribbean, Central America and Andean Region Division.

*Canadian International Development Agency:*

Suzanne Laporte, Vice-president, Americas Branch.

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James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

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## MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

Meeting No. 26

Thursday, November 24, 2005

The Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade met at 9:22 a.m. this day, in Room 112-N, Centre Block, the Chair, Paul DeVillers, presiding.

*Members of the Subcommittee present:* Diane Bourgeois, Joe Comartin, Hon. Paul DeVillers, Helena Guergis and Hon. Paddy Torsney.

*Acting Members present:* Ken Boshcoff for Hon. Navdeep Bains.

*In attendance: Library of Parliament:* Marcus Pistor, Analyst.

*Witnesses:* Canadian International Development Agency: Gisèle Aubut, Senior Development Officer (Cuba), Americas Branch. Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Foreign Affairs): Louise Branch, Deputy Director, Central America and Cuba, Caribbean, Central America and Andean Region Division; Jamal A Khokhar, Director General, Latin America and Caribbean Bureau; Christian Lapointe, Director, Caribbean, Central America and Andean Region Division. Canadian International Development Agency: Suzanne Laporte, Vice-president, Americas Branch.

Pursuant to the motion of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Thursday, October 14, 2004 and the motion adopted by the Subcommittee on Wednesday, February 9, 2005, the Subcommittee resumed its study of Denial of Human Rights in Cuba.

Jamal A. Khokhar and Suzanne Laporte made statements, and, with Christian Lapointe, answered questions.

At 10:13 a.m., the sitting was suspended.

At 10:19 a.m., the sitting resumed in camera.

The Subcommittee proceeded to the consideration of matters related to Subcommittee business.

It was agreed, — That the Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Development report to the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade the following recommendations:

1. That the Standing Committee report to the House a recommendation that the Canadian government continue to take a strong position with the government of Ethiopia and urge the international community to put pressure on the Ethiopian government to observe international human rights' standards and to demand that the democratic rights of Ethiopians be safeguarded and that the Ethiopian government immediately release all political detainees.
2. That the Standing Committee request a comprehensive government response to its report pursuant to Standing Order 109.

It was agreed, — That, pursuant to the motion of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Thursday, October 14, 2004, the Subcommittee undertake an inquiry into human rights in Ethiopia .

At 10:56 a.m., the Subcommittee adjourned to the call of the Chair.

James M. Latimer  
Clerk of the Subcommittee

2005/11/25 11:13 a.m.

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